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MYSTERIOUS LAUNCH NOW IDENTIFIED.

B.A.T. CRAFT SEIZED BY ARMED MEN RIGHT IN HANKOW.

LAODAH'S STORY OF VIGIL.

The mystery of the strange launch that cooperated in the tragic piracy of the British s.s. Shasi near Hankow on Saturday night, has been solved in a manner which has not merely caused a surprise, but has created a sensation.

It now eventuates that the craft used was the launch "Old Bill" belonging to the British American Tobacco Co., Hankow, and that it was seized in the river at Hankow just off the ex-British Concession an hour and a half before the Shasi was due to sail.

Five armed men forced the crew to take the launch to the Japanese Concession, where ten confederates were picked up. The craft then proceeded down river to Seven Mile Creek.

The watchers on board had kept vigil for about an hour when the pirated steamer was seen drifting towards them. Flashlights were exchanged between ship and launch, after which the latter went alongside.

It is estimated by the skipper of the Shasi that his vessel was allowed to drift with the current for nearly forty minutes before he was ordered to drop the anchor.

The pirate gang afterwards split up into three parties, the launch taking the gang to different points in the vicinity of Hankow.

FLASHLIGHT SIGNALS FROM SHIP.

Hankow, Nov. 6.

The B.A.T. launch "Old Bill" which now appears to be the mysterious craft which quietly awaited the coming of the pirated "Shasi" and enabled the successful completion of the daring enterprise, was missed from her moorings early yesterday morning.

Officials of the Company, however, did not in any way connect her disappearance with the outrage, in view of the habit of military officers in Hankow of commandeering launches when they think they need them. It was thought that this was what had happened to the "Old Bill."

On her return in the afternoon, however, the laodah, who had been left in charge of the craft, had a startling and much different story to tell.

Planned in Detail.

Combined with the facts already known regarding the actual happenings on board the s.s. Shasi, the laodah's statement shows the piracy to be one of the most carefully planned and carried out in the history of Yangtsze shipping. Indeed, it is the first of its type of the reaches of the Lower Yangtsze, and fears are expressed as to the future safety of river steamers unless adequate precautions are taken.

Every detail seems to have been worked out carefully beforehand, and successfully carried out.

B.A.T. Launch Seized.

About eight o'clock on Saturday evening, an hour and a half before the s.s. Shasi was due to sail for Shanghai, five armed men boarded the B.A.T. launch, which was lying off the Special Administrative District No. 3 (the ex-British Concession).

The crew were taken completely by surprise and they were forced at the point of the pistol to get the launch under way and to proceed down river to the Japanese Concession.

Here, says the laodah, ten other members of the pirate gang, all well-armed, were waiting by assignment. The launch went inshore and picked them up and then under the pirate orders, the launch continued on her trip down river and anchored just below the Seven Mile Creek.

Flashlight Signals.

The whole process had taken approximately an hour and a half. The launch waited at anchor for about an hour when the s.s. Shasi was observed to be approaching, drifting slowly downstream.

Flashlight signals were interchanged between the pirates on the Shasi and the launch, which was lying close inshore without lights.

When the pirates were satisfied those on board the steamer evidently released the skipper and ordered him to drop anchor.

Pirates Split Up.

The laodah relates the story of the visit of the launch to the Shasi, and the transfer of the loot and baggage in the darkness. He also states that approximately 30 armed men left the pirated ship and proceeded back in the direction of Hankow in the "Old Bill" which then had the whole gang on board.

The pirates disembarked at different places. About thirty got off below the Japanese Concession on the Hankow side of the river.

Ten others left the launch at Suchiapong on the Wuchang side, and the remaining five men, who kept the crew under constant surveillance and held Mausers pointed practically the whole time, then ordered the launch to be taken to Longwanmiao, a village a few miles along the Han River from the Wuhan cities.

Authorities Scouring.

Acting on this latest information, the Chinese authorities are now scouring the districts all round, but not much hope is entertained that any of the robbers will be captured.

The opinion is still held that the gang were made up of disbanded soldiers, large numbers of which have been infesting the district for some time. It is thought that such daring desperadoes will be able to cover up their tracks successfully.

The garrison commander had ordered military posts to watch the creeks and waterways for the pirate launch, but the order does not appear to have been pursued with any vigour.

Mr. Henry Henvis, of Gale and Company, Hankow, who, as reported yesterday, was shot through the thigh, has been operated upon and the bullet removed. His condition is favourable, though the wound is painful.

The Shasi left for Shanghai yesterday with an armed guard aboard.—*Reuter.*

Further details of the happenings on board the s.s. Shasi are contained in a wireless message received by the local naval authorities this morning, and obtained from Captain Archibald Cook, the skipper.

Shots in Attack on Bridge.

Captain Cook states that the pirates were armed with Mausers. They attacked the bridge from both sides at about 10.30 p.m., or

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"ANKING" PIRACY SEQUEL.

CHINESE CHARGED AT MAGISTRACY.

NEW EVIDENCE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN FOUND.

POLICE ENQUIRIES.

There was a sequel to the Anking piracy at the Central Magistracy this morning, when a Chinese was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell by Detective Inspector Lane on the actual charge of piracy, with murder and kidnapping counts added.

The man had previously been held for the alleged possession of money and jewellery said to have been part of the booty from the pirated vessel.

The vessel, it will be remembered, was pirated on a voyage from Singapore to Swatow on September 26. The pirates remained on board two days and eventually put off at Hong Hai Bay (near Bias Bay) with booty estimated at fully $100,000. The Chief Engineer and Chief Officer and a Chinese quarter master were killed, and among the wounded were the Captain and the Third Engineer.

Arrest Last Month.

Whilst the details of the piracy were still fresh in the minds of the public, the police arrested, early last month, in Shaukiwan, a man who had in his possession a large quantity of money and jewellery. This individual had arrived in the Colony by a junk, and after the police had searched the junk at Shaukiwan, they detained the man who had so many valuables in his possession, for further enquiries.

It is stated that the amount of money which this man had with him was somewhere in the vicinity of $500 and that no fewer than thirty-six articles of jewellery were in his possession.

New Evidence.

On the arrest of this man, the police made diligent and systematic enquiries, and although the man was brought before the Court from time to time to answer a charge of unlawful possession of the money and jewellery, the police never actually opened the case, which was remanded on various occasions.

Eventually, it is learned, the police, on the arrival of the Anking in the Colony on Sunday, were able to obtain evidence which they believe connect the arrested man with the piracy.

When the man was brought before Mr. Lindsell this morning, the prosecution handed in further charges of piracy, with murder and kidnapping. A remand was asked for, as the Anking is at present absent from the Colony.

Hope of Witnesses.

Regarding the identification of the jewellery, Acting Detective Inspector Lane, in answer to his Worship, remarked that unfortunately the victims of the piracy were not Hongkong Chinese. The police were getting in touch with some of them, and it was possible that they might be able to secure some witnesses to identify some of the jewellery.

His Worship granted a remand for one week.

CHIANG TO TOUR CHINA.

WILL INSPECT TROOPS ON TRIP.

Nanking, Nov. 5.

The President of the State Council, Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, is leaving the capital in a few days' time for Pengpu and other districts along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway. His trip will occupy about one month. In the North, he is to proceed as far as Hsuchowfu, whilst in the South he will visit Anhui.

The tour is being made for the purpose of inspecting troops of the First Nationalist Army Corps, which is under Marshal Chiang's Command. When he returns from the inspection, Marshal Chiang is to call a big military conference at Nanking.

AMERICAN VESSEL GOES ASHORE.

EXTENSIVE DAMAGE FEARED TO BIG FREIGHTER.

ENGINEROOM FLOODED

News has been received in the Colony this morning that the s.s. Michigan belonging to the State Steamship Company, formerly the Columbia Pacific Steamship Company, went ashore at Samar Island on November 1, whilst on a voyage from Tacloban (near Cebu) to Legaspi.

The nature of the damage to the ship is not at present known, but it is feared that it must be very extensive. From one reliable source it is learned that there is about nine feet of water in the engine room and that the cargo holds are also very heavily flooded.

The spot at which the vessel went ashore, it is understood, is known to navigators as extremely treacherous, owing to the existence of reefs and strong currents.

The s.s. Michigan was formerly the West Holbrook, a steel vessel of 5,376 tons gross register and 3,343 tons net. She was built in Los Angeles in 1920 and her dimensions are, length, 410 feet; beam 54 feet; and depth 27. At the time of the incident she was under the command of Captain O. W. Carlson and was carrying about 2,000 tons of copra.

The vessel is a freighter and was completing the last portion of her journey to China and the Philippines from Portland. She was scheduled to arrive in Hongkong on November 13.

THE LOST SUBMARINE.

SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS AGAINST GREEK CAPTAIN.

Paris, Oct. 16.

From the inquiry which is being held at Rotterham by the French, Dutch and Greek authorities, it appears that the captain of the Greek steamer the Ekaterini Coulandris is gravely implicated in the loss of the French submarine, the Ondine, with its crew of 43.

On arrival at Rotterdam on October 8 he observed complete silence. Instead of handing in the ship's log, according to international custom, he delivered it three days later, and in it only referred vaguely to an encounter with a wreck. Meanwhile he had sailed to Schiedam, and had had his ship hurriedly repaired to hide all traces of a collision.

The last honours to the dead crew were paid yesterday by the Edgar Quinet. A salute of 21 guns was fired, and flowers were thrown into the sea at the spot were the submarine sank.

SMALL-POX OUTBREAK AT KOWLOON.

TEN CASES REPORTED YESTERDAY.

Small-pox would appear to have broken out rather seriously on the Kowloon side, for yesterday's return of notifiable diseases shows no fewer than ten fresh cases, all of which are Chinese. Last week there were six cases, and these, like those notified yesterday, were from Old and New Kowloon. None of the cases has so far proved fatal.

There were also six cases of typhoid reported last week, four of which were Chinese and two British, the latter being imported. One fatal case each of cerebro-spinal fever and puerperal fever were also notified, as well as four deaths from influenza.

FRENCH COLONIAL MUSEUM.

PRESIDENT DOUMERGUE LAYS THE STONE.

Paris, Nov. 5.

President Doumergue to-day laid the first stone of the Colonial Museum which is being built for the occasion of the International Colonial Exhibition in 1931.—*Havas.*

H.M.S. LONDON HITS A LINER.

CRUISER & S.S. RUNIC IN COLLISION.

WHITE STAR SHIP'S STEM DAMAGED.

MISHAP IN THE CLYDE.

London, Nov. 5.

A collision occurred during a slight fog in the Clyde off Greenock last night between H.M.S. London, Britain's latest 10,000-ton cruiser, and the White Star liner, s.s. Runic, a big passenger and cargo steamer of approximately 13,000 tons.

Fortunately, the mishap was not serious owing to skilful seamanship by the respective navigating officers, the blow struck being merely a glancing one.

Stem Damaged.

The s.s. Runic steamed into Liverpool to-day with her stem damaged, her skipper immediately taking her into dock for repair.

She is due to leave Liverpool on Saturday on her regular run to Australia and it is stated that there will be no interference with the date of her sailing.

Admiralty Message.

An official communique issued by the Admiralty says that while undergoing secret trials in the Clyde, H.M.S. London, which is a new cruiser of ten thousand tons, embodying some of the latest improvement in warship equipment, collided with the s.s. Runic, of Liverpool.

The Runic was able to proceed on her voyage and the cruiser suffered practically no damage at all.

The London will be able to continue her trials without interruption, and when they are completed will repair any slight damage, and leave for the Mediterranean where she will serve as the flagship of one the Cruiser Squadrons.

A Large Ship.

She is of the same type as H.M.S. Kent, and the other large cruisers on the China Station.

The s.s. Runic was built in 1900 to the order of the White Star Line. She is of 12,663 tons, and her dimensions are 550.2 feet long, 63.3 feet in breadth and 39.9 feet deep. —*British Wireless.*

FIERCE FOREST FIRE IN POLAND.

TEN KILLED & MANY BADLY BURNED OR INJURED.

Warsaw, Nov. 5.

A devastating fire which is spreading rapidly through the Forest of Rozanka on the eastern borderlands of Poland has caused several tragedies.

Many homesteads have been enveloped by the flames and it is reported that the casualties number at least ten killed, and many others seriously burned or injured. Four of the victims were burned to death, and their bodies have not been recovered.—*Reuter.*

HULL AS AN AIR PORT.

MAIL SERVICE TO NORTH EUROPE.

London, Nov. 5.

Plans to establish Hull as the air port of the North are stated to be taking shape.

The proposals include the purchase of three aeroplanes for a regular mail service to Northern Europe and one for reserve.

Major Atkinson, Chairman of the Hull Chamber of Commerce, stated to-day that the capital required is £125,000, which is to be increased when a passenger service becomes possible.—*British Wireless.*

Mr. G. T. Padgett was fined $5 by Major C. Willson, at the Central Police Court this morning, for leaving his car unattended in Queen's Road Central on Wednesday last.

QUAINT JAPANESE CEREMONY.

EMPEROR DEPARTS FOR ANCIENT CAPITAL.

BRILLIANT SCENES MARK FIRST OF CORONATION CEREMONIES.

THREE SACRED TREASURES.

To-day witnessed the first of the brilliant and colourful ceremonies in connexion with the Enthronement of His Imperial Majesty, Emperor Hirohito of Japan, when His Majesty departed from Tokyo for the ancient capital of Kyoto for the purpose of formally announcing to the Ancestral Spirits and the Gods of Heaven and Earth the fact of his accession to the Throne.

The procession, which was nearly half a mile in length, was remarkably ornate in character, special prominence being given to the Three Sacred Treasures (the Mirror, the Sword and the Jewels) which, according to tradition, have been handed down to succeeding Emperors from the Imperial Ancestress Amaterasu-Omikami, the Goddess of the Sun, which constitute the Imperial replica in the Enthronement Ceremonies.

The progress of the Emperor and other members of the Royal Family was the occasion for a striking display of loyalty and reverence on the part of huge crowds. Below, the event is picturesquely described. The actual Coronation takes place on Saturday.

A PICTURESQUE DESCRIPTION.

Tokyo, November 6.

This morning witnessed the departure of the Emperor for the ancient Capital of Kyoto, there to play the leading role in the long-awaited ceremonies marking his formal accession to the Throne as the 124th successor of an unbroken line of monarchs.

Long before midnight, huge crowds in silent reverence had started to assemble along the route to be followed by the Imperial procession on its way to the station, although, when the appointed hour arrived, only comparatively few could hope to catch more than a glimpse of the imposing cortege, as the distance to be covered was but short.

Troops of the Imperial Guards Division and of the First Division lined the route, and all Tokyo was gay with triumphal arches, fluttering flags, waving bunting, and decorations of all kinds.

"Offspring of the Gods."

The sun was gleaming in a cloudless sky, when the booming of guns from the warships lying out in Tokyo Bay and from batteries on shore announced that His Imperial Majesty, the direct Offspring of the Gods, was about to set off to make formal announcement to the Ancestral Spirits and to the Gods of Heaven and Earth, and also to the world at large, of the fact of his accession to the throne of his ancestors.

As the guns boomed their salutation, the head of the procession was seen issuing *from the main* gates of the Imperial Palace. Crossing the famous Nijubashi Bridge, it made its way by the fine broad road across the wide open grounds which lie between the picturesque old stone walls of the Palace and the Outer Moat.

Leading the procession was a posse of mounted police, closely followed by a détachment of lancers from the Guards Division, their pennants fluttering gaily in the early morning breeze.

Then came the most impressive section of the cortege, the Shrine of the Sacred Mirror, borne aloft on the shoulders of a band of stalwart youths selected by time-honoured custom from the village of Yase, near Kyoto.

Crowds Pay Homage.

The great crowds of spectators, awed by the presence of this sacred symbol, stood in silent reverence and bowed low as it passed, for, great as is the respect paid to the Emperor as the living personification of the invisible gods, this shrine with its precious contents has about it all the mystery that attaches to the unseen and even the Emperor himself has to bow before it.

In its ancient dignity of structure and ornamentation, the Shrine, as it passed by, stood out against its modern setting of triumphal arches, brilliant banners, elaborate carriages and flashing military uniforms, like an uncut gem against an intricate background of filigree.

The box-like palanquin in which it was carried rested on two heavy beams of plain white wood, and was covered about the sides with brocade, while its roof of red lacquer was surmounted by a single golden ball.

2,000-Year-Old Replica.

Inside the Shrine, hidden from human eye, was the two-thousand-old replica of the mirror conferred, so Japanese legend has it, by Amaterasu, the Sun Goddess herself, upon her Heavenly Grandson, the progenitor of the Imperial Family of Japan.

Little wonder then that this Holy of Holies, which plays so important a part in the Enthronement ceremonies and in the Japanese Imperial Household ritual generally, is regarded with so great awe and veneration and is treated with such reverence and respect.

Tradition records that the original mirror, which now reposes in the Imperial Shrine at Ise, the Mecca of all good Japanese, was presented at the dawn of Japanese history by the Sun Goddess as a device by which she might project her soul of her body and make it available to her offspring as a protecting genius. It is regarded as such to this day, as also is the replica used in the Enthronement ceremonies which was made by order of the Emperor Sujin who, according to Japanese chronology, lived from 97 to 30 B.C.

The youths carrying this sacred relic were clad in flowing ceremonial garb of green and were preceded and followed by ritualists of high rank, robed in rich silks of blue, red, black, green, and purple, and mounted on horses decked with trappings of red and gold.

The Emperor's Carriage.

Behind the Kashiko-Dokoro, the Shrine of the Sacred Mirror, came the Emperor in a magnificent carriage, bearing with him the Sacred Sword and Jewels which, together with the Mirror, constitute the Imperial regalia used in the Enthronement ceremonies.

The Sword, like the Mirror, is a centuries' old replica of one that is declared to be of divine origin, and which is now enshrined at Atsuta, near Nagoya, while the Jewels are said to have been handed down from the Gods direct.

Be that as it may, it is certain that all three of the objects forming the regalia are of great age and that, for hundreds of years past, they have served as sacred insignia and have passed on direct from one ruler to the next, thereby legitimatising his succession and

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BUSINESS TRANSFER.

CONSIDERATION OF CUSTOM AT TAIPO.

The question as to how far local custom at Taipo with regard to a transfer of business can be admitted into Summary Court Jurisdiction was a point raised in the court yesterday afternoon, before Mr. Justice Jacks, when the hearing of a claim for $351.60 was resumed.

In this case the Wo Shing Hing Lung Fish shop, Taipo, is claiming the above mentioned sum from Lee Wo-huen, a Taipo fisherman, as money being due to the firm. Previously Cheung Tai-kwai, of the plaintiff firm, and two others caused Lee Wo-huen to be wrongfully arrested in an endeavour to collect the debt. Lee Wo-huen was later successful in an action for damages, being awarded a total of $500. The shop is now seeking to recover the money through the Summary Court.

It appears that the shop changed hands after the debt was contracted and that the transfer was found to be correct by the Taipo Chamber of Commerce in accordance with local custom. Yesterday afternoon, however, Mr. Arculli said he was going to call as witness two partners in the old firm, who would say that they objected to the transfer as they were not notified of the change and that there was no authority for the business to be sold to others.

Lee Wo-huen admits having received a loan of $36.57 with the new firm and has paid that money into court.

Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones is for the plaintiff and Mr. A. el Arculli is defending.

Letter Delivered.

Yesterday afternoon, a foki of the plaintiff shop gave evidence to the effect that he was given a letter by his master to give to the defendant. He saw the defendant at the market and handed the letter to him. He also delivered a number of other letters to customers.

It was pointed out that the letters were to notify dealers that the business changed hands.

Another witness, who stated that he was a member of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce at Taipo, said that the Chamber called the parties together in order to try and settle the matter and prevent litigation. At that time, said witness, the defendant admitted he owed the money.

Cross-examined by Mr. Arculli, witness said that Cheung Tai-kwai was the chairman of the committee last year, but at present another man held that position. Cheung, however, was still on the committee. The matter was not taken up at the instigation of Cheung Tai-kwai.

Can you tell me what was the object of the Chamber of Commerce in sending for these parties?—We were doing our best to effect a settlement.

Trickery Denied.

The object of calling the defendant was to try and trick him into saying something which might be used as evidence against him?—No.

And that what you did was to try and settle the false imprisonment matter and get the defendant to accept medical fees only?—No.

In telling his version the defendant denied that he owed the sum of $351.60 and further said it was not true that he was notified the firm had been transferred.

Mr. Arculli: Three witnesses from the Chamber of Commerce at Taipo have stated that on August 11 there was a meeting to settle this dispute over the money alleged to be due by you, and at that meeting you acknowledged you owed $388. Is that so or not?—No. At the meeting Cheung Tai-kwai told the committee that he had assaulted me and had had me arrested; also that he was prepared to pay me a certain amount of money by way of compensation and begged me not to sue him or employ a solicitor against him.

Was anything discussed about this alleged debt of $300 odd?—Not a word was mentioned.

Cross-examined about the $36 loan, by Mr. Hugh Jones, defendant said that the loan was offered to him by the plaintiff.

He begged you as a favour to borrow $30 from him, did he?—Well, he wanter to loan me this money in order to get me to bring my fish to his shop.

Partners to Object.

After Mr. Hugh Jones had finished his cross-examination, Mr. Arculli stated that he had two witnesses who were partners in the old firm. They would say that they were not notified of the assignment of the business and there was no authority for it to be carried through. They would also say that they were not parties to it and objected.

The question as to how much weight should be given to the activities of the Chamber of Commerce then arose, when his Lordship pointed out that the witnesses from the chamber had said that the transfer was put through in order and according to custom. If the claim had been for $200 it would have been dealt with by the Taipo Small Debts' Court in which case local custom would have played a large part. His Lordship pointed out that as the case had come within the Summary Jurisdiction, he had to consider to what extent local custom could enter into the matter.

The hearing was adjourned until this morning.

POPPY DAY FUND.

PERSONAL APPEAL BY HIS EXCELLENCY.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has led the way with a handsome donation to the Poppy Day fund and he has also issued the following personal appeal:

"His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government wishes the Poppy Day Sub-Committee every success in their efforts on Armistice Day. This tenth anniversary of the day which brought the Great War to an end cannot fail to renew those feelings of relief with which the Nations realized that peace, which for over four years had seemed so far off, had at last become a reality. That relief can best be expressed in the response to this annual appeal in aid of those who suffered in the war, and His Excellency is confident that Hongkong's response to this tenth appeal will be prompt and generous, and will prove to those who look to the Poppy Day Fund for assistance that time has not dulled the memory of their heroism."

Mrs. Southorn has also been very busy and all who read the excellent article from her pen published a few days ago cannot fail to have been stirred by it.

Mr. J. K. Shaw of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., is the Hon. Treasurer of the Fund and he will gratefully receive contributions thereto.

The success of Poppy Day is as much dependent upon the giving of personal service as the giving of money, as to a very large degree those who help financially need to be offered facilities for doing so which can only be provided by those who give their own services.

Owing to changes in the personnel of the Poppy Day Sub-Committee it is quite possible that many of those who so kindly helped last year have not been asked to repeat their efforts this year. Needless to say their services are very much needed and Mr. W. B. Cornaby of Messrs. Jardine Matheson and Co., the Secretary of the Sub-Committee, will be very pleased to hear from any one who feels the Poppy Day call.

Armistice Day Service.

At the Armistice Day service at St. John's Cathedral, seats have been reserved for the following group: Executive and Legislative Councils and wives, Consular Body, Mercantile Marines, Royal Marines Old Comrades Association, St. John Ambulance, British Legion, Ex-Service Women, E.A.S.M.A., Royal Ancient Order of Buffaloes.

FAINTED IN DOCK

CHINESE COLLAPSES ON HEARING SENTENCE.

The case in which Wong Wan-cho was charged with receiving a considerable quantity of tin from thieves who stole it from the Hop Yick Factory at Causeway Bay, was concluded before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Defendant was sentenced to five months' hard labour, and collapsed in a swoon on hearing the sentence.

Stay of execution of the sentence was granted to Mr. Leo D'Almada, Snr., who intimated that he would consider the question of appeal.

At the conclusion of the evidence, yesterday, Mr. D'Almada addressed the Court, quoting numerous authorities, and submitting as one of his points that it was dangerous to convict on the uncorroborated evidence of an admitted thief.

His Worship, after reviewing the circumstances connected with the receipt and disposal of the goods by the defendant, said there was a case to answer on the evidence.

After Mr. Leo D'Almada had said he did not propose to call evidence, his Worship recorded a conviction and sentenced defendant as stated.

The effect on the defendant was one totally unlooked for. He fainted away, and had to be revived with cold water. It was an anxious moment for his relatives who were in Court. They set up a wail which was not stilled until the man in the dock was again seen on his feet.

On an application from Mr. Leo D'Almada, Snr., stay of execution was granted until Thursday to enable the defence to consider an appeal.

Identical Interests.

Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jnr., appeared at a late stage in the proceedings to state that on the instructions of Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios, he was watching the interests of the Taiching metal shop at Yaumati, which were involved in the case.

Mr. Leo D'Almada, Snr., informed the Court that this was apart from the position that he himself was appearing for the defendant.

His Worship: Your interests are identical. I think your interests and your son's interests are identical. (Laughter).

Mr. Leo D'Almada, Snr: Except that I don't know anything about the Taiching.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo, who had conducted the case for the prosecution, at the conclusion made an application for the return of the goods to the Hop Yick firm. He said: Although an order for restitution does not adjudicate the question of ownership, nevertheless such an order will have the effect of stimulating owners to activity in prosecutions.

On this point, his Worship said he required time to consider the position. He adjourned it until Thursday, when the defendant would again appear before the Court in the matter of appeal.

POETS IN LOVE.

THREE EXAMPLES FROM FRENCH LITERATURE.

That poets flourish best when they are in love, and that some of their best works are inspired by the influence of those moments, was the effect of a lecture which M. Dufaure de la Prade, Consul for France in Hongkong, gave to a wide circle of the literary-minded at the Helena May Institute yesterday evening. M. Dufaure de la Prade traced the influence which moved three of the best French poets, Lamartine, Victor Hugo and de Musset, to inspiring heights in their composition of some of their best works.

The lecturer was introduced by Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., who spoke briefly in French.

Prefacing his address with a word of thanks to the committee of the Institute, M. Dufaure de la Prade, after defining the meaning that was to be taken from the title of the address, "Le Souvenir chez Trois Poets," said that three poets had chanted in a triple acceptance of what was for them the souvenir, the inspiring thought which had made of them the three greatest French lyrical poets. For there was no great poet who was not a great lover.

Speaking of Alphonse Prat de Lamartine, who existed during the troublous epoch of the first Empire, the lecturer visualised him as a young man of prepossessing appearance and endowed with great personal charm when he shared with Julie Bouchand des Herettes that romance which inspired in him those lines which made the poem of "The Lake" one to be admired for the fervour of its sentiments. Poet, diplomat, historian, politician and Government chief, as he had been during his time, he died in seclusion with only a little crucifix in which was conserved the souvenir of his meeting with the "lady of the lake," this Elvire of his poem.

The lecturer than proceeded to read the poem, with a wealth of feeling and expression revealing a fine appreciation of the beauty of the lines.

From Lamartine to Victor Hugo was but a natural development of the theme of the lecturer. He showed a keen analytical mind in his impressions of the personality of the author of some of the best-known French literary works, and traced the influence which Hugo's association with Juliette Brouet had woven into the composition of his Elegy, and other poems.

Alfred de Musset, who was the subject of M. de la Prade's third analysis, was also shown to have been under the influence of an *affaire de coeur* when he expressed those inspiring ideas in his composition of the Souvenir.

At the conclusion, M. de la Prade summed up his impressions derived from a study of the three poets.

Mr. Hornell expressed on behalf of the audience their appreciation of the lecture, and their thanks to the lecturer.

CORRESPONDENCE.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

[To The Editor of *Hongkong Telegraph*.]

Sir,—The Superioress and Sisters of the Italian Convent wish to thank Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung for kindly opening their Fair, and to the public who so generously contributed to the success of their Feto.

Special thanks are due to H. E. Commodore for the loan of bunting and flags, the Editors of the local and Chinese Papers for advertising the Fair and to the following donors: The Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Co. Ltd., Messrs. Lane Crawford, A. Watson Co. Ltd., Wing On Co. Ltd., Wing Hing Chinaware Co. Ltd., Chung Hing Store, Mr. Chan Sii Ming, Secretary of I On Marine and Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. and the Salesian Fathers for their band.—Yours, etc.,

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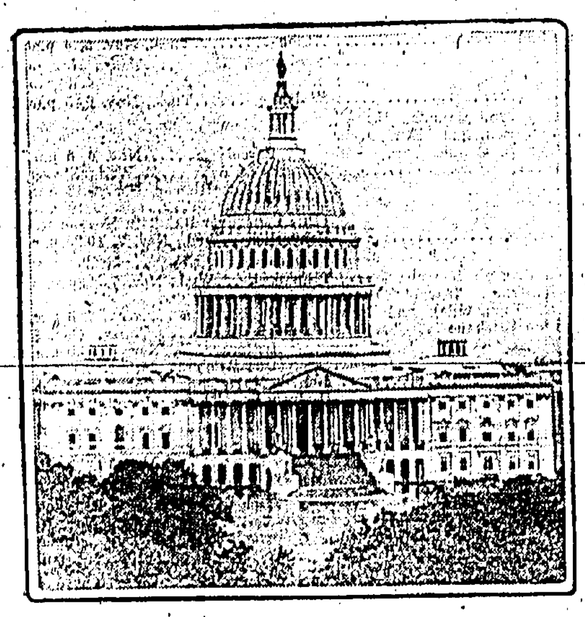
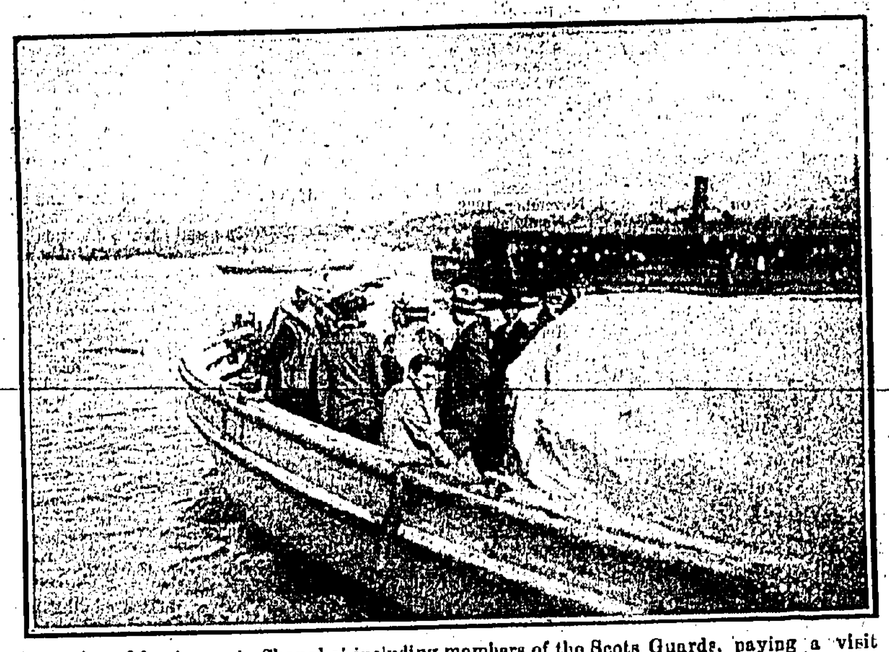
Prohibition agents in U. S. are now required to wear caps and badges like the ones shown here.

A ring lost 18 years ago has been recovered by the owner in the remarkable manner shown above. This is known as a 1-carrot ring

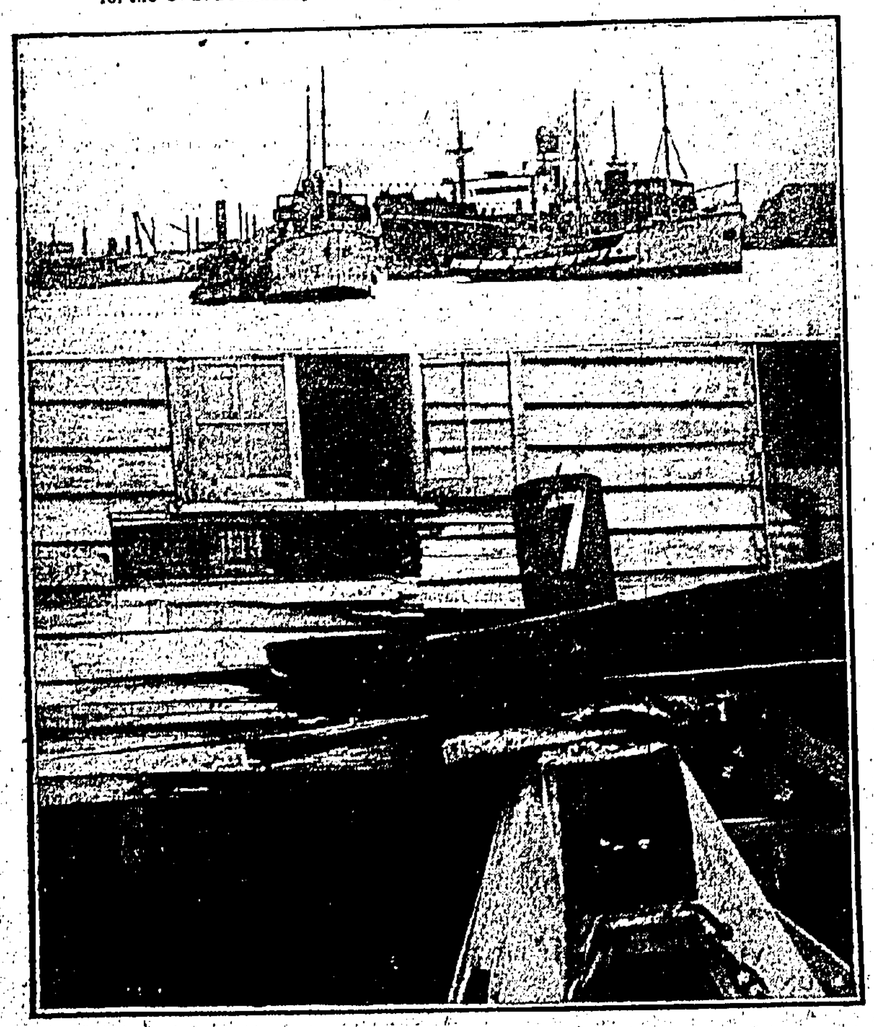
The Republican candidate for the U. S. presidency, Mr. Herbert Hoover, who is favourite. His biggest asset is American prosperity in a Republican regime.



The Capitol at Washington, where the successful candidate for the U. S. Presidency will reign supreme.



A number of foreigners in Shanghai including members of the Scots Guards, paying a visit to the American Asiatic Fleet, on Navy Day.



Two steamers figured in a remarkable accident in Shanghai last week in which the freighter Edenton crashed into the N. Y. K. Wharf. Above I. seen the steamer Paris Maru being pulled into deeper water. The Edenton swerved in order to avoid striking the Paris Maru, but instead collided with the wharf. Below is a section of the wharf shed damaged by the collision. Note the powerful beam which was driven almost through the building by the impact.

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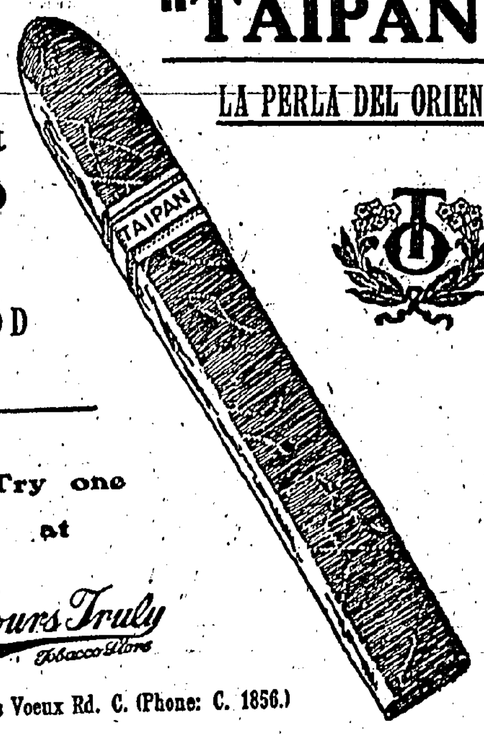

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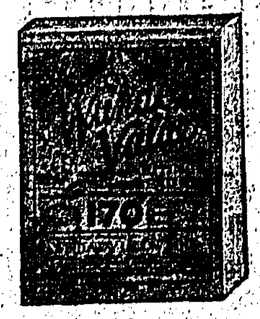

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The Seventh Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 10th November, 1928, commencing at 2 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be $1 for all persons including Ladies, Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, at $5 each, up to Friday, 9th November, 1928.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be $2. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

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NO WEATHER CHANGE.

To-day's observatory report says the anticyclone has strengthened and is now central to the North-East of Tokyo. Light variable winds may be expected along the south-east coast of China and moderate monsoon over the China Sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—North-east or variable winds, moderate to light; fine.

THE CHINA-JAPAN PROBLEMS.

WITHDRAWAL OF JAPANESE TROOPS DESIRED.

PARLEY TO REOPEN.

Shanghai, Nov. 5.

According to Nationalist reports, the Shanghai Japanese Consul-General, Mr. Yada, and the Japanese Consul-General at Tsingtao, are to proceed to Nanking together on Sunday next to resume the informal conferences with Dr. C. T. Wang, the Nationalist Foreign Minister, on the settlement of outstanding Sino-Japanese questions.

Regarding the settlement of the Tsinanfu incident a Chinese report says that the Chinese authorities are likely to insist on the appointment of a Commission of Enquiry to study the incidents which led to the clash, but it is thought that the Commissions will not be able to proceed with their work unless all Japanese troops in Shantung are first withdrawn.

Two representatives of the Japanese in Shantung have arrived here from Tsingtao to interview the Japanese consular authorities, and it is said they will suggest that the Japanese troops should not evacuate Shantung at present.

AGED KIDNAPPER SENTENCED.

MAN WHO HAD BEEN BANISHED.

An aged kidnapper from Canton appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a charge of returning from banishment after having been deported from the Colony in March, 1914, for a period of fifteen cars.

The defendant pleaded guilty.

Inspector Fallon said he was making enquiries at No. 340, Portland Street in connexion with a kidnapping when he found a small boy on the premises. The boy was crying and when questioned said that he had been kidnapped from Canton by a man who was at the time on the premises. Inspector Fallon waited and some time later the defendant appeared. He was immediately pointed out as the kidnapper.

On his finger prints being taken at the Police Station, it was discovered that he had returned from banishment. The small boy, continued Inspector Fallon, had been sent back to Canton to his parents. He had been promised work by the defendant with a millionaire in San Francisco.

In reply to his Worship, the defendant admitted bringing the boy to Hongkong.

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On and after Monday the 22nd inst. no morning mail will be dispatched to Macao until further notice. The afternoon mail will continue to be dispatched as at present.

XMAS AND NEW YEAR PARCELS MAIL FOR GREAT BRITAIN.

Xmas and New Year Parcels Mail for Great Britain will be closed in the General Post Office at 5 p.m., the 9th November per s.s. "Macedonia."

This mail is due in London on the 14th December.

The regular morning mail for Macao will be resumed on Monday, the 5th instant at the usual hour viz 7.15 a.m.

GENERAL HOLIDAY.

On Monday, the 12th inst., the G. P. O. will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, the Kowloon Branch Post Office from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and the Branch Post Offices at Wanchai, Sheungwan, Saiyingpun, Yaumati and Shamshuipo 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. only.

There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays, and also one delivery of registered correspondance at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

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Japan	Himalaya Maru	November 7.
Japan	Rakuyo Maru	November 7.
Shanghai and Swatow	Szechuen	November 7,
Australia and Manila	Tanda	November 8.
Europe via Suez, letters and papers, London 11th October and parcels 4th October	Malwa	November 9.
Japan	Hakata Maru	November 9.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson	November 9.
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Straits	Katori Maru	November 11.
Manila	Pres. McKinley	November 12.
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For	Per	Date and Time.
Tourane	Chung Kong	Tues., Nov. 6, 3.30 p.m.
Sam Shui and Wuchow	Anjou	Tues., Nov. 6, 4 p.m.
Manila	Pres McKinley	Tues., Nov. 6, 4.30 p.m.
Swatow	Waishing	Tues., Nov. 6, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, and *Europe via Vancouver B. C. and Europe via Siberia	Parcels	Nov. 6, 5 p.m.
	Empress of Asia	Wed., Nov. 7, Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m. (Due Vancouver B.C. 24th November.)
Formosa	Bonvorlich	Wed., Nov. 7, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Hupeh	Wed., Nov. 7, 1.30 p.m.
Manila and Java via Sourabaya	Tjimanoek	Wed., Nov. 7, 2.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia (except places North of Townsville) and New Zealand via Brisbane	Registration	Nov. 7, 5 p.m.
	Himalaya Maru	Thurs., Nov. 8, Letters Nov. 8, 8.30 a.m. (Due Brisbane, 25th Nov.)
Haiphong and Haiphong	Monado Maru	Thurs., Nov. 8, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	Thurs., Nov. 8, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Malwa	Fri., Nov. 9, 6 p.m.
*Straits, Mombasa, L. Marques and South Africa	Hakata Maru	Sat., Nov. 10, 10 a.m.
Straits	Cromer	Thurs., Nov. 8, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiyang	Fri., Nov. 9, 1 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Sui Sang	Sat., Nov. 10, Parcels noon. Letters 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Macedonia	Sat., Nov. 10. K. P. O. Parcels 9th, 4.30 a.m. Reg. 10th, 9 a.m. Letters 10th, 10 a.m. G. P. O. Parcels 9th, 5 p.m. Reg. 10th, 9.45 a.m. Letters 10th, 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles, Dec. 7th and Ship Due London Dec., 14th.)
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Szechuen	Sat., Nov. 10, 6 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Canton Maru	Sun., Nov. 11, 9 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangchow	Sun., Nov. 11, 9 a.m.
Japan	Rakuyo Maru	Mon., Nov. 12, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Katori Maru	Mon., Nov. 12, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via Victoria B.C. and Europe via Siberia	Pres. McKinley	Mon., Nov. 12, Parcels 10 a.m. Registration 11.15 a.m. Letters noon. (Due Victoria B.C. 3rd December).
Straits and Calcutta	Sui Sang	Mon., Nov. 12, Parcels 11 a.m. Letters noon.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Taiping	Tues., Nov. 13. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m. (Due Thursday Island, 24th Nov.)
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via San Francisco	Korea Maru	Tues., Nov. 13. Registration 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m. (Due San Francisco 7th December).
Straits, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Menelaus	Tues., Nov. 13. K. P. O. Reg 1 p.m. Letters 1 p.m. G. P. O. Reg. 1.15 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles, 14th Dec.)
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haicheng	Tues., Nov. 13, 1 p.m.
Swatow	Chak Sang	Tues., Nov. 13, 5 p.m.
Sandakan	Mausang	Thurs., Nov., 15, 1.30 p.m.
Japan	Tango Maru	Fri., Nov. 16, 9.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Kum Sang	Fri., Nov. 16, Parcels noon Letters 1 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Tues., Nov. 20, 3.30 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

Sir William Tyrrell, new British Ambassador at Paris, is to be the new president of the British Institute in Paris.

Five minutes after being stung on the hand by a wasp Mrs. Eliza Earley, 49, of Spencers Wood, Reading, collapsed recently and died.

Guests, including women in night attire, were lowered from the upper storey to the street by automatic escape during a fire at the County Hotel, Selkirk.

Mr. Oswald Manville, a brother of Sir Edward Manville, has died at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan.

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WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

New Frocks.

SOME INTERESTING FEATURES.

Princess lines and full skirts are declared to be the outstanding features of the season's evening frocks. Some of the skirts are both padded with cord and weighted with shot to ensure the correct flare. The cord is usually run through tucks, which form a border at the hem.

Printed velvet, which is so fashionable, give scope for the carrying out of some charming ideas. A "mimosa" frock for afternoon wear, was of chiffon velvet in precisely the green of mimosa, while the yellow blossoms formed the pattern covering it all over. The neck and cuffs of this pretty frock were finished with yellow and green corded ribbon. An apron skirt and a shoulder yoke at the back were in keeping with the picturesqueness of the model.

An evening frock of white faille and waxed black lace, the skirt composed of flounces alternately of the lace and faille, had a bodice worked with white satin beading, and was finished with white flowers.

A Turkish trouser effect was given to the unusual skirt of a cocoa-coloured georgette frock, which had a coatee embroidered in gold and bordered with sable marabout; a band of turquoise blue satin appeared at the back of the waist-line.

A Smart Suit.

Amber coloured Andrelia—a fabric with a broken surface and a jersey finish—makes a smart jumper suit, with little kiltings of crepe in the same shade by way of trimming. Small gold buttons, an embroidered motif worked in gold thread, and a gold kid belt lend further decorative touches.

Parisian Turban.

A Paris favourite is this turban, which is ideal for a little run-around hat for autumn.

It is small and yet it features the long right-side line; it has the glossy richness that women admire this autumn; it employs flattering satin ribbon for its trimming and it indicates that the black-white combination is just as chic as ever.

Black and white satin ribbon is posed on this turban with such skill that it seems a most casual little knot.

The white appears from under the black, on the left side and covers the black in the rear.

Fashion Notes.

Elaborate Bag Mounts.

Mounts for bags seem to become more elaborate every day, and expensive silks and embroidered models now boast mounts composed of semi-precious stones. Narrow strips of cornelian set in fine maracassite makes a handsome mount for a black moire bag, and a luxurious affair in a sac-shape made of ivory moire finely sewn with pearls has a mount of mother-of-pearl picked out with carved cornelian flowers.

Nursery Rhyme Lampshades.

The tiny tots are just as particular these days about the decoration of their nurseries as are their mothers over their boudoirs, and the latest designs in lampshades will please many toddlers' hearts. These are shades of parchment cut in the design of a cottage with a long chimney, and others of fine fretwork on parchment and depicting fairy stories. One shade shows pictures of Little Red Riding Hood coloured in vivid reds and greens, and another of the Blue Bird is in delicate shades of blue.

Braided Satin Coats.

A coat of heavy black satin, cut on straight simple lines and entirely covered with black cire braid, is an ideal covering for light frocks on uncertain days when a fain coat is too cool for comfort. The braid is sewn closely to the satin, so that the whole coat has a slightly stiffened appearance without being in the least heavy, and the coats are smart enough for any afternoon function, besides giving a certain amount of warmth and protection from sudden showers.

Printed Chiffon Scarves.

Printed chiffon frocks, which are the smartest possible wear for both afternoon and evening functions, are being made with deep decolletages, which can be covered, when necessary, with a triangular scarf of the same material. In this way the gown can be made to serve two purposes, the scarf, which may be tied in a variety of ways according to the taste of the wearer, being worn in the daytime and discarded in the evening.

Ivy Leaf Necklaces.

Novel necklaces are always sought by women who prefer unusual jewellery, and trinkets answering to this description are composed of small pieces of glass cut to resemble leaves or flowers and strung at intervals on heavy silk cords. One necklace is made of Lalique glass in a dark sea green, cut to resemble ivy leaves, and strung on silk to match. This glass can be made into necklets and bracelets of flowers and leaves, to suit any particular toilette.

Embroidered Shoes.

To match the bags of Chinese embroidery, shoes which are covered in the same silk are being shown. They are usually in the plain court shape, with the popular Spanish Cuban heel, and look particularly effective in bright colours as a contrast to a plain gown. Shoes of deep scarlet silk with embroideries in beige and peacock blue are ideal when worn with a black evening frock, and should be accompanied by a pochette in the same shades.

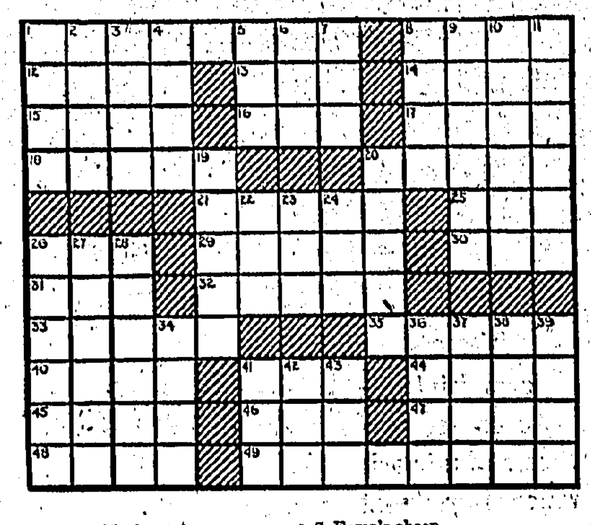
Stencilled Jumpers.

Stencil work in brightly coloured paint is the latest decoration for the spun silk sweaters which are being worn now. A border of conventionalised sunflowers is used to decorate one model in pale yellow, while a geometrical design in black, white and green makes an original trimming for a sweater in white, which has to accompany it a white silk skirt with bands of black and green at the hem.

China Perfume Burners.

The Oriental perfume burner is an unsuitable receptacle for the fresh, sharp scents preferred by the women of to-day, and is being replaced by the little china cottages which are exquisite reproductions of old Chelsea pieces. These are placed in the bed-room or boudoir, and when alight a faint trail of perfumed smoke can be seen emerging from the tiny chimney. Original women will adapt this idea, and use a replica of their own country house in preference to a Chelsea design.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal

1 To leave one's country for residence in another country.
8 Secretion of the plant louse.
12 To challenge.
13 Animal of the genus Bos.
14 Opposite of aweather.
15 Idol.
16 Tiny golf mound.
17 To choose by ballot.
18 Rigid.
20 A leaf of the calyx.
21 Mercenary.
25 To piece out.
26 Perched.
29 Angry.
30 Carmine.
31 To make a mistake.
32 Imprisoned.
33 Tip.
35 Multitude.
40 Radio bulb.
41 Wing part of a seed.
44 Region.
45 Toward sea.
46 Drone bee.
47 Skin.
48 Home of a bird.
49 To be the ruling force in.

Vertical

1 To prepare for publication.
2 Knobbed mallet.
3 A metal.
4 Clan.
5 To perform.
6 Digit of the foot.
7 Female sheep.
8 To wash.
9 One who runs away in order to marry.
10 To rephotograph or recapture.
11 Pared.
19 To oust.
20 Winter carriages.
22 Age.
23 To scold constantly.
24 Devoured.
26 Pertaining to the seventh day.
27 To stir.
28 A larger group than a clan (pl.)
34 Tidy.
36 To caution.
37 Melody.
38 A tear.
39 Manufactured.
41 To total.
42 Italian card game.
43 Upper human limb.

Yesterday's Solution.

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"THE SERENADERS."

OPEN TO-NIGHT AT THE STAR

To-night at 9.15 p.m. Jack Carter and his versatile troupe of vaudeville artists commence a short season at the Star Theatre. Coming here direct from Shanghai where they played at various theatres for four years, this popular company will present a variety of revue and vaudeville items now the rage in London and New York. "Bo-Diddly" who is one of the principals will give his famous dance in which he spins around on his head at the end of an extremely complicated series of steps. Jack Carter himself is the chief fun maker and an entirely new set of "gags" and jokes is promised. Seats may be booked in advance at Moutries and the Star at the popular prices of $3, $2 and $1. The continuous movie performance during which, Raymond Griffith and Betty Compson will be seen in a clever crook comedy "Paths to Paradise," will end at 8.30 p.m.

"THE TELEPHONE GIRL."

EXCITING DRAMA AT THE WORLD.

"Herbert Brenon, who directed "Beau Geste" and "Peter Pan" has turned his hand to political drama in his latest picture, "The Telephone Girl," which is showing at the World to-day and to-morrow. The story is one of mystery and intrigue, and of a bitter war between two men who are candidates in the election for governorship. On the eve of the election, the unscrupulous faction unearths a scandal in the life of the rival candidate. All the evidence is complete except for the name of the woman in the case. "The Telephone Girl" played by charming Madge Bellamy, learns this vital secret and it is how she turns her knowledge to the advantage of the man she loves that gives an exciting finish to a strange series of events.

"SENORITA."

SHOWING TO-DAY BY POPULAR REQUEST.

"Senorita" the joyous picture of love and adventure in South America, which was much enjoyed by local fans when it was shown at the Queen's Theatre a few days ago, will be screened again at that Theatre for one day only—to-day, in response to numerous requests. Its vivacious little star is Bebe Daniels, the lively heroine of many successful screen comedies. In this, her latest effort, Bebe dons the garb of a Spanish caballero and meets with some exciting experiences during the course of a charming romance. A thrilling sword duel, not without a few humorous touches, comes as a fitting climax to the splendid story.

NEW YORK GUNMEN.

WELL-KNOWN SPORTSMAN SHOT IN THE STREET.

New York, Nov. 5.

While walking in the street yesterday evening, Mr. Arnold Rothstein, a well-known figure on the American turf, was shot and seriously wounded by an assailant from a motor-car containing three men, which then went off at full speed.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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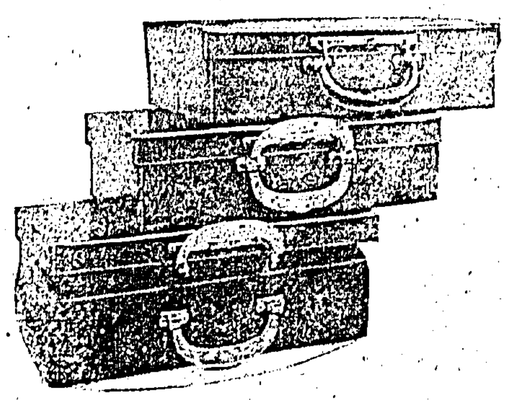

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TUESDAY, NOV. 6, 1928.

IMPROVED FINANCES.

Evidence of the returning prosperity of the Colony is to be found in the latest financial statistics published, which show that for the first time for many a long day our credit balance at the end of July came to over six million dollars. Under every heading of revenue, with one solitary exception, the figures for the first seven months of the year show an upward tendency, and there is thus every reason for thinking that by the end of the year we shall have a good surplus, instead of the substantial deficit which appeared probable when the Estimates were first drawn up. So much was foreshadowed when the Budget for the coming twelve months was introduced some few weeks ago, and if the last five months of the current year give such good returns as those for the first seven, we may have yet again to revise the forecast along lines showing an even better position than seemed likely on Budget Day.

Analysing the income for the seven months, we find a total of more than thirteen million dollars, on a revised estimate for the year of $21,672,000, which represents an increase of over two millions when compared with the same period of last year. What is particularly gratifying is the marked increase in income from land sales. From this source over $736,000 was brought in, which is about eleven times the amount received for the first seven months of 1927. Incidentally, the original estimate for the whole twelve months was only $150,000. Land sales are a most satisfactory form of revenue, for two reasons. First of all, they reflect contemplated building expansion, and, secondly, not only does the Government secure the auction price, but the development of the areas gives an assurance of future steady revenue in the form of rates and Crown rent. Of late, there has been a particularly good demand for land, especially on the Kowloon side, mostly in the Shamshuipo district, for scarcely a week now goes by without one or more areas being put up to auction. Indeed, Shamshuipo is fast developing into a really big town and there are also welcome signs elsewhere of a revival of building activity. Reverting to the statistics, there are many other heads of revenue which show distinct increases. So the belief is warranted that, unless the unforeseen happens, the Colony has now passed out of the dark days and is again coming into its own.

On the expenditure side, the seven months' outgoings total about eleven and a half million dollars, on a revised estimate for the year of rather more than twenty-one and a half millions. Compared with last year, this reflects a rise of some seven lakhs, of which nearly three lakhs are represented by an increase in the amount due for Military Contribution, consequent on the rising revenue. This is one of the anomalies of the Colony's financial system—that in the raising of our ordinary revenues we have always to add on a farther twenty per cent. for the War Office. The basis of calculation is by no means a satisfactory one, and although our objections are not based on those now being raised at Singapore, they coincide with these objections at any rate on the point of principle. It is to be hoped that some fairer and more reasonable method of assessment will ultimately be devised, so that the Colony may have a clearer idea of the extent of its liabilities and obligations.

A Portuguese Scandal.

Every sense of justice and fair play is shocked and amazed by the misfortunes of Mr. A. G. Brewer, a British mercantile marine officer, whose fate it was, eleven months ago, to fall into the hands of the authorities in Portuguese West Africa. At their tender mercy, arrested on a charge of theft, Mr. Brewer was thrown into gaol and allowed to remain there, suffering from malaria and all the physical discomforts which go with life in that region. No attempt was made to bring him to trial until the erstwhile invincible obstinacy of the Portuguese officials was influenced by the Government at Lisbon following some plain speaking by the British Foreign Office. The real nature of the outrage is not clear until it is pointed out that Mr. Brewer was arrested on December 18th, 1927, and not charged with a crime of any sort until October 23rd this year. If these were the Middle Ages, if the Star Chamber was still in existence, such gross prolongation might be understood, but it is almost inconceivable that even Portuguese West Africa could permit such treatment in the present civilisation. If this were all, it would be sufficient to create indignation among right-thinking people, but the most recent news is that the Portuguese authorities have aggravated their original severity by sentencing Brewer to 360 days imprisonment and a fine of £18, with additional imprisonment failing the payment of the fine. This for an alleged theft of £1 from a postman, who it is suggested by British persons connected with the case, became involved in a dispute with the British officer and fought him. The loss was discovered after the struggle. The worst that could be made of the case against Mr. Brewer, if a case exists, is that he stole the money in a drunken brawl. The extreme and unwarranted severity of the sentence seems nothing less than calculated wantonness in the face of the knowledge that the British Government was watching the case closely. The Foreign Office has every right to feel exasperated, and the protest lodged could scarcely err on the side of vigour. While the Portuguese Government is setting matters right, as it must, a searching examination of the administration which permitted such a glaring injustice would not be out of place.

JUNK SINKS.

IN YAUMATI TYPHOON SHELTER.

Leung Chung-kwai, master of cargo boat No. 2331 V., reported to the Harbour Office this morning that his junk had sunk in the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter, without casualty.

The boat was carrying a cargo of scrap iron from the China Sugar Refinery to Yaumati yesterday, and anchored overnight in the Typhoon Shelter. At about 3 o'clock this morning the bottom planking started to crack and water came in when the seams opened. The boat sank in ten minutes, but the crew were able to make good their escape.

It is understood that preparations are being made to raise the sunken junk, which is now causing an obstruction.

DAY BY DAY.

PRUDENT MEN LOCK UP THEIR MOTIVES, LETTING FAMILIARS HAVE A KEY TO THEIR HEARTS, AS TO THEIR GARDEN.—*Shenstone.*

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The s.s. President McKinley, arriving from San Francisco and Shanghai with 811 deck passengers, reports the death of one *en route* from apoplexy.

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Government passengers sailing homeward by the s.s. Macedonia on Saturday will include Messrs. W. W Winslade, F. D. Probert, R. J. Clarke, B. G. Baker, all of the Police and Mr. and Mrs. J. Archibald, of the Sanitary Department.

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H.M.S. Titania and submarines L3, L15, L19, L27 and L33 arrived at Amoy to-day on their passage from Nimrod Sound to Hongkong. H.M.S. Bluebell arrived at Weihaiwei on Monday from Chefoo, together with the transport Dorsetshire from Taku Bar.

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For the theft of a coil of copper wire from the China Sugar Refinery, a Chinese was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, and, on pleading guilty, was fined $5, or seven days. The defendant it was stated had been employed for some thirty years in the Refinery as a coolie.

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The Consul General for Japan announces on the occasion of the coronation of His Majesty the Emperor of Japan, a reception will be held at the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday, 10th November, from 11 a.m. to noon. Members of the foreign communities in Hongkong are cordially invited.

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Armed with a packet of rice with which he lured chickens to his side, a Chinese who was arrested on the Praya East Reclamation yesterday, just as he had seized one of the birds, was sentenced this morning to seven days' imprisonment failing payment of a fine of $5 imposed by Mr. R. E. Lindsell.

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This morning's Harbour Office reports gave a reduced list of arrivals and departures, tonnage and freights showing a considerable reduction. With 10 arrivals and 15 departures, of which three and seven respectively were British, the total of tonnage was 30,000 and British freights under both headings equalling 7,000 tons, with the highest returns of the day.

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A fine of $400 was imposed by Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a Chinese who was charged with having in his possession one revolver and 52 rounds of ammunition on board the s.s. President Taft, the defendant being a passenger on board. It was stated that the arms and ammunition was found in one of the defendant's boxes. He had denied, before being searched, that he had any contraband goods.

CHINA MISREADS JAPAN.

BOYCOTT WILL NOT FORCE CONCESSIONS.

MERCHANTS ARE FIRM.

Tokyo, Oct. 31.

Under the heading "Misunderstanding by China" the *Chugai Shoppo Shimpo*, the largest commercial and financial daily in Japan, in to-day's leading article say:

"Although rumours are current that the Sino-Japanese negotiations have taken a favourable turn, no confirmation of them is forthcoming. The Chinese propagandists are making efforts to bring about a favourable outcome of the negotiations but, judging from what they claim, they apparently misunderstand Japan's attitude towards the settlement of pending problems.

"They assume that, owing to the spread of the anti-Japanese boycott in China, Japanese merchants have been hit so hard that they cannot endure it any longer and have asked their Government to take a more conciliatory attitude towards the Chinese National Government. They also argue that, in view of the other Powers having improved their relations with the Chinese Government, Japan is forced to follow suit and is in a hurry to settle the questions outstanding.

"Such views are completely wrong. The Japanese merchants are determined to weather their temporary difficulties and disadvantages in China, even though they last for a longer period than before, in order to permit the Government to effect a complete and satisfactory settlement of all Sino-Japanese disputes. Therefore, it is utterly unlikely that the Japanese merchants would have forced their Government to conclude any hasty and imperfect settlement.

"The report that Japan will follow the Powers is also imagination on the part of the Chinese people. Japan can wait till China's attitude is modified. If China still persists in such a misunderstanding, the prospects for the Sino-Japanese negotiations are hopeless.—*Toho.*

CORRESPONDENCE.

HUMOUR.

[To The Editor of *Hongkong Telegraph.*]

Sir,—Kindly grant me space to refer to a letter which appeared in your correspondence columns of 2nd inst. The writer of the letter expressed the opinion that no wrong impression could be gained from a previous article in which Christian Science was mentioned.

The reference to Christian Science, made in the article, was based on the supposition that there are different sects of this religion. This is misleading and is therefore liable to cause a wrong impression.

The fact is that there is only one teaching of Christian Science and that is the one set forth by Mrs. Eddy. Christian Scientists rely on this teaching and do not rely on doctors. Another group, whilst still using the name of Christian Science, have departed from this teaching and have adopted rules and methods never found in the original teachings. In addition, they now advocate that Christian Science and what is known as medical science should co-operate. Christian Scientists do not attempt to prevent anyone from seeking any manner of relief through such means as may be individually chosen, but they do endeavour to preserve the name of Christian Science in its true meaning.

Those who rely on or demonstrate the rules of mathematics are known as mathematicians. Common sense enables us to discern that a group who advocated rules diametrically opposite to mathematics, would no longer be honestly entitled to the name of mathematicians. In the same way, common sense tells us, that those individuals who depart from the teachings of Mrs. Eddy and propose rules entirely opposed to Christian Science, are no longer honestly entitled to the name of Christian Scientists. A knowledge of these facts will prevent wrong impressions of Christian Science.—Yours, etc,

W. H. ADLER.

Hongkong, Nov. 5th, 1928.

About Hong Kong

Do you know that——

In the matter of piracy as early as 7th June, 1841, merchants and traders of Canton and all parts of the Chinese Empire were invited to resort to and trade at the port of Hongkong?

Full protection was assured and it was stated that there would not be any charges on imports and exports by the Government.

Anyone bringing information to British officers which would lead to the detection of pirates was to be liberally rewarded; the pirates were to be taken and delivered over to the officers of the Chinese Government for punishment.

HELENA MAY MUSICALE.

ENJOYABLE PROGRAMME FOR THURSDAY.

The concert to be given at the Helena May Institute at 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, organised by M. and Madame Bonenfant, assisted by Mrs. Bowes Smith, is already well booked. M. Bonenfant is a cellist of ability, while Madame Bonenfant is a distinctly capable performer on the piano. The next concert of the Helena May winter season will be held on November 22.

The programme for Thursday is as follows:

1. (*a*) Larghetto .....Handel.
   (*b*) Prelude ....A. Laidow.
   Cello.—M. Bonenfant.
2. (*a*) La Procession ..Franck.
   (*b*) Deux Bergerttes, Weckerlin.
   Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith.
3. (*a*) Elegie ..Rachmaninoff.
   (*b*) Two Spanish Dances, Granados.
   Madame Bonenfant.
4. (*a*) A Birthday Song, MacFadyen.
   (*b*) At the Well ..Hageman.
   Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith.
5. Sonata for Piano and Cello, L. Boellmann.
   (*a*) Maestoso Allegro con fuoco.
   (*b*) Andante.
   (*c*) Allegro Molto.
   M. and Mme. Bonenfant.

The Very Idea!

That every young man commits a technical assault when putting his arm round the waist of a girl with whom he is walking, was the novel point of law which emerged at Stirling recently. George France, a youth denied having assaulted an omnibus conductress. It was alleged that he attempted to kiss the girl, who screamed and blew her whistle for help. The Sheriff, agreeing that for a young man to place his arm round a girl's waist constituted an assault, added, amid laughter, "But if she immediately condones it, it is not." France, who admitted placing his arm round the girl, was admonished.

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Just returned from a voyage to Northern Siberia, William, an engineer in a ship berthed in the Victoria Dock and bound for Bristol, hit in the mouth an ex-policeman who is now the foreman of a garage.

William, who had lost his bearings, was not really to blame. A stranger who had a row with the foreman requested William to take his part, and William, who was in that mellow state when he was willing to oblige anybody, promptly hit the ex-policeman on the mouth.

Then things happened rapidly. The ex-policeman rolled William on the floor, the stranger fled, and P.C. 414 E, who was off duty and in plain clothes, arrived and said "what about it?"

William, who had lost his memory and expected to lose his ship, was fined 40s., and he left the dock with a fond reference to the social amenities of Northern Siberia.

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A social event from the *San Francisco Chronicle*:

"At the Don Huff ranch yesterday Huff's champion Duroc-Jersey boar ate out of a trough in the same room with the Woodland Rotary Club."

Well, well: it might have been the other kind of bore.

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A school teacher asked the class to tell her what grace was.

No one knew.

"Now, Johnny," said the teacher, pointing to one boy, "you ought to know, your father being a church elder. What does he say when he sits down at the table before taking breakfast?"

"He jist says," replied Johnny, "Noo, bairns, ca' canny wi' the butter; it's twa bob the pun.'"

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Gene Tunney found boxing a
bore and laborious,
So he gave it "the mitt" while
the going was glorious;
And now he's embarked on a bout
matrimonial ....
(He can quite well afford a hall
mildly baronial!)

When J. B. Hobbs, gets his eye
in in Australia
The bowlers contract sharp attacks of "heart-falia,"
For none of their wiles his activities curb—
And the same may be said of
his Jonathan, Herb!

* * *

Man at Tottenham charged with drunkenness: I chanced to meet my father and we had one over the eight.

"I have had black eyes ever since I have been married."—A wife at North London.

"I am only a woman, I am not clever."—A witness at Bow County Court.

Willesden woman: I cannot get proper rooms, because I am honest and tell the landlords I have children.

Policeman at Tottenham: He said to me, "You mind your own business," so I took him to the police station.

"As my mother-in-law said she was expecting to die I went out and had a drop of whisky!"—A woman at Tottenham.

Woman at Greenwich: I have to be man and woman too; my husband does absolutely nothing.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Nov. 5.
Paris	124.15
Geneva	25.20
Milan	92.60
Oslo	18.19
Helsingfors	192¾
Athens	375
Buenos Aires	47.15/32
Hongkong	2/0¼
New York	4.84 29/32
Amsterdam	12.09
Stockholm	18.14
Vienna	34.475
Madrid	30.055
Bucharest	805½
Bombay	1/6.1/16
Yokohama	1/11.1/16
Brussels	34.89
Berlin	20.36
Copenhagen	18.19
Prague	163¾
Lisbon	107⅝
Rio	5.29/32
Shanghai	2/7⅞
Silver (spot)	25⅝
Silver (forward)	26.13/16

—*British Wireless.*

HOW U. S. CHOOSES PRESIDENT.

NOT BY DIRECT VOTE OF PEOPLE.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE MEETS IN VARIOUS STATES.

TO-DAY'S PROCEDURE.

Voting in the United States presidential election takes place to-day, and as many of our readers are probably unacquainted with the precise procedure, it is interesting to note the manner in which the President is chosen. This is done by an Electoral College, and not by the direct vote of the people.

The President is chosen for a four-year term beginning on March 4 following the general election, which is held in every State of the Union on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November of each leap-year.

The people do not vote directly for President, and in many States, the names of the presidential candidates of the various parties do not appear on the ballot. Instead, the people vote for presidential electors who are nominated by State Conventions.

The Electors.

Each State is entitled to as many presidential electors as it has members of Congress. California, for instance, having two United States Senators and eleven members of the House of Representatives, has a total electoral vote of 13.

As there are all told 96 United States Senators and 435 members of the House of Representatives in the 48 States of the Union, the total number of presidential electors is 531. A majority of these, or 266, is required to elect a President, as well as a Vice-President of the United States.

The Electoral College.

These 531 presidential electors comprise what is known as the "electoral college," an institution which exists in name only, as its members never meet as a body. Instead, the presidential electors of each State, after having been elected by popular vote at the general election, meet at their respective State capitals on the second Monday of the following January, and cast their ballots for President and Vice-President separately. These must come from different States. Three certificates of the vote cast by the presidential electors are made. Two certificates are sent to the President of the Senate, one conveyed to Washington, D. C., by a messenger who may be one of the electors, and another sent by registered mail. The third certificate is delivered to the judge of the district court of the United States in the district in which is located the State capital.

On the second Wednesday of February—a month after the electors have met in their respective States—the vote is canvassed at the national capitol under the direction of the President of the United States Senate and in the presence of the members of the Senate and of the House of Representatives.

Mere Formality.

Originally the electoral college was designed as an institution whose members should meet and deliberate among themselves in the selection of a President and a Vice-President of the United States and, technically, presidential electors may vote for whomsoever they wish. Practically and traditionally, they vote, as pledged in advance of the election, for the candidates of their respective parties.

Thus presidential electors constitute a tabulating device whereby the votes of their States are recorded. The counting of the electoral votes at Washington, D.C., in February, is a mere formality, inasmuch as the country knows three months in advance what the result of this count will be.

Without Majority.

If no candidate for President receives a majority (266) of the electoral vote, the House of Representatives proceeds to elect a President, confining the choice to one of the three highest. Each State in such a contingency has but one vote, which is bestowed as the majority of the State's representatives in the lower House of Congress may determine. If no candidate for Vice-President obtains a majority of the electoral vote, the Senate—the members voting as individuals—chooses from the highest two and a majority elects.

It is possible for a State's electoral vote to be split. In California, for instance the presidential electors nominated by each

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ALLEGED LYING WITNESSES.

DEFENCE IN TAIPO FISH FIRM'S CLAIM.

JUDGMENT RESERVED.

The hearing of the case in which the Wo Shing Hing Lung fish shop, Taipo, is suing a Taipo fisherman named Lee Wo-huen for $351.60, of which earlier proceedings are reported on another page, was concluded in the Summary Court this morning, before Mr. Justice Jacks, when judgment was reserved.

The debt was contracted prior to the business being transferred and while the defendant has admitted and paid a debt contracted with the new firm, he denies the debt owing to the old firm. Witnesses from the Taipo Chinese Chamber of Commerce gave evidence that the transfer was passed by the Chamber Committee and that the defendant admitted the debt in their presence.

Mr. G. S. Hugh Jones conducted the case for the plaintiff, while Mr. A. el Arculli defended.

The last witness for the defence stated that he was a partner of the Wo Shing Hing Lung firm. He was not notified about the transfer and did not sign the document. It was not the custom at Taipo that only some of the partners need sign a transfer.

Left to Others.

Replying to Mr. Hugh Jones, witness said he had nothing to do with the management, but left everything to the managing partners. He first heard of the transfer four months after it had taken place. His share was one of $250. He was not called upon to pay another $600 to pay debts.

Mr. Hugh Jones:—Don't you know that for every $100 capital the partners had to put up $300 to pay the debts?—I don't know. I did not pay.

And that is one reason why did not want to have anything to do with the transfer?—That is not true.

Witness continued that the partners had ruined the business, but he was going to sue them for a declaration that he had a share in the business. The writ had not yet been issued.

In making his final address for the defence, Mr. Arculli submitted that there had been no assignment of the business and no valid notice of the transfer as required by law.

Alleged Admissions.

He went on to say that the only evidence adduced by the plaintiff to prove his case was in the nature of two alleged admissions, one at the shop and another before the committee of the Taipo Chamber of Commerce. The reason why those alleged admissions "were put up" was because they could not prove the debt through the books they had produced. The books produced were made up in 1927, referring to transactions going as far back as 1925. They only gave a summary of accounts and the plaintiff had tried to strengthen his case by bringing forward the alleged admissions.

"Every witness of the Chamber of Commerce who said there was an admission by the defendant is lying, and I say that they have come here at the instigation of Cheung Tai-kwai, who was the Chairman and is still a member of the Committee," said Mr. Arculli. He pointed out that according to the evidence nothing had been done by the Chamber except on the business of Cheung Tai-kwai.

Dealing with the transfer. Mr. Arculli said it seemed that that was the only transfer which passed through the Chamber. He contended that every partner in the Wo Shing Hing Lung must sign the transfer to make it valid, while in fact only four out of ten partners signed. There was no doubt but the transfer in the case was not such a one, but was a matter of selling the whole firm. If it was held that one partner could assign another partners's share, it might be disposed of for one tenth or a hundredth of its value, and the partner concerned would have no say. Further, the transfer did not bear a chop.

Local Custom.

Arguing with regard to local custom, Mr. Arculli pointed out that power was given to recognise Chinese custom regarding land only and nothing else. Nothing was said in the Ordinance about recognising or enforcing Chinese law or custom.

Mr. Arculli further submitted that the notice of the transfer, if it was delivered to the defendant, was bad.

Mr. Hugh Jones first of all dealt with the validity of the transfer in law, and commented that the transaction really amounted to assigning the book debts. After quoting authorities, he submitted it was quite clear that one partner could assign book debts.

With regard to the notice, he remarked that the only requisite was that it should be an express notice in writing. He contended that notice in the present case fulfilled requirements and was a perfectly valid notice. The only thing his Lordship had to decide was whether the notice was given or not.

Accurate Figures.

Mr. Hugh Jones went on to speak of the debt, pointing out that the books produced gave a detailed account from the beginning of 1926. One of the previous partners had sworn as to the accuracy of the figures and as to the defendant's account. He remarked it was a curious thing that not until he was in the Court did the defendant deny he owed the money to the old firm.

In arguing on the evidence, Mr. Hugh Jones said he throught Mr. Arculli's assertion that the only evidence, consisted of two admissions was very far from the truth. He pointed out that there was no evidence that the money was not owing, except the defendant's own word. He had not produced accounts as the plaintiff had done.

Submitting that there was specific evidence that the debt was owing, Mr. Hugh Jones recalled the previous action for damages brought by the defendant. On that occasion the plaintiff, hearing that the defendant had sold his boat and was leaving, took steps to recover the money which unfortunately led to the damages action for wrongful imprisonment.

Mr. Hugh Jones concluded by pointing out that the witnesses from the Chamber of Commerce were important and honest people in the district, and therefore they were to be believed.

His Lordship reserved judgment.

INTREPID WOMAN EXPLORER.

MISS FRENCH DOES 4,000 MILES BY MOTOR.

MONGOLIAN TRIP.

Peking, Nov. 1.

The intrepid British traveller, Miss French, returned to Peking yesterday after a journey of 4,000 miles by motor-car.

She left Hailer, on the Chinese section of the Siberian Railway, in her motor-car and eventually reached Urga, where her Swedish companion, Miss Lindgren, left her.

Miss French then penetrated into the Turinsky Republic, formerly known as Urianghai, in north-west Mongolia, accompanied only by her chauffeur.

Miss French crossed many mountains and rivers. On more than one occasion her car became almost submerged, but Mongols appeared, rescued her and extricated the car.

In the course of her travels she explored many regions never before visited by Europeans, except Russians, among which was the Kos Gol Lake, 180 miles long on the Siberian border, where she found several new species of flora.—*Reuter.*

Mr. Chow Loo, a well-known "Rightist" Kuomintang Leader, arrived in Hongkong from Europe by the French liner Andre Lebon this morning. He was greeted by a number of Kuomintang leaders as well as a large party of representatives of public organisations from Canton.

RECENT SHANGHAI TRAGEDY.

EVIDENCE SHOWS CHINESE AS PERPETRATORS.

MR. LAW IMPROVING.

The *N. C. Daily News* has good reason to believe that it has definitely been ascertained that Miss Dorothy Thompson was murdered and Mr. H. D. Law was grievously wounded by Chinese. Although the condition of Mr. Law has been and still is such that a complete statement of the events which led up to the tragedy has not been possible to obtain, Mr. Law has been able to say that his assailants were Chinese.

For days after the terrible occurence, Mr. Law remained unconscious, his head swathed in bandages after the delicate operation performed by Dr. A. D. Wall. Last week, it was possible to remove the greater part of the dressings and only one was deemed necessary. Now, the wound has almost healed and only small plasters remain.

Piecing Things Together.

Mr. Law is taking food and sleeping well but still finds great difficulty in expressing himself. Even simple wants are only understandable by his attendants with difficulty. At times he speaks fairly rationally and on other occasions he is only able to articulate and express his thoughts with the greatest difficulty.

The police, however, have by delicate methods been able to obtain certain facts from the wounded man, and together with certain information obtained from other sources have pursued inquiries which have, it is reliably reported, resulted in arrests.

Information has been obtained from a delivery coolie employed by a dairy, who was in the vicinity of Keswick Road on the night in question when the crime was committed. This man has said that he saw a number of Chinese, four, he thinks, accost a foreign lady and gentleman at the time when the murder was committed. Another witness, a Chinese workman employed by a painting company, who was returning from the Fahwa village, states that he heard shots and saw in the distance a sort of struggle between Chinese and foreigners.

Mr. Law Progressing.

Mr. Law is attended day and night by special nurses and has been allowed to see friends for very short periods. He seems cheerful and although unable to speak except in a low undertone is able to grasp what is being said and thanks his visitors for calling to see him. In view of his condition, of course, no mention of the occurrence is allowed to be made

Except for headaches, the wound is causing him little trouble but the question of his speech and his inability to express himself at will is causing him considerable annoyance and is also occupying the attention of his medical attendants. His recovery, however, in view of the seriousness of the wound which was caused by the bullet going completely through his head and splintering the bone, fragments of which had to be extracted from the brain, is considered nothing short of marvellous.

"I'm not suggesting anything, but last spring I remodelled a dress for Mrs. Smith and now the Paris designers have come out with exactly the same model."

LUCKY SHANGHAI ESCAPE.

COMPRADORE'S DASH FOR LIBERTY.

WAS HELD IN CHAINS FOR SIX DAYS.

TWO ARRESTS MADE.

Shanghai, Nov. 1.

After having spent six days in chains as victim of a kidnapping gang, Mr. Ho Fung-fu, the wealthy compradore of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, took matters in his own hands and while being transferred from one stronghold to another by abductors, made a successful dash for liberty that resulted in the arrest of four of his gaolers, and saved his family the $30,000 ransom that was demanded and that they were on the point of paying.

The story came out in the Provisional Court yesterday before Judge Chau and Senior Consul's Deputy Mr. Meinhardt and also was the startling revelation made that one of the principals in the affair was a former cook boy employed at the Yangtzepoo Station.

After hearing the case the Court ordered a remand of two weeks to permit the police to make further inquiries.

Many Changes of Residence.

Testimony yesterday revealed that the aged Mr. Ho, who is 68 years of age, had been kidnapped on October 25 while travelling in his private ricksha on Thibet Road. He was seized by two armed men and so terrified was he that he followed their instructions and when the party actually walked past two constables, Mr. Ho laughed and joked with his captors according to orders.

He was taken to several houses the last one being at 49 Hardoon Road where he effected his release yesterday. At this establishment he found another male member of the gang together with two women and a small child, the attempt being obviously made to disguise the nature of the tenants' business from the neighbours.

Plans Upset.

In this they were successful and all would have gone well had not the leader decided to remove his prize captive to a safer place.

A car was requisitioned and parked in the street outside the *rendezvous* but just before starting one of the gang noticed a C.P.C. standing near the machine and the party delayed the move.

However the C.P.C. showed no intention of going away and waiting until he had moved down the street a short distance the gang made their get away. They came out of the alleyway and were turning into the street preparatory to entering the car when Ho became suddenly active.

Race for Policeman.

Despite his years the old man immediately on sighting the policeman raced frantically in his direction and shouted at the top of his voice. The bandits followed for a short distance, unwilling to lose their rich prize, whereupon seeing them coming from one direction and the policeman from the other, Mr. Ho changed his course and set off after his late guardians.

The policeman easily passed the old man and overhauled the cook-boy but in the confusion of the fight one of the ringleaders blithely stepped in a doorway and after the policeman raced past him, retraced his steps and quickly drove off in the waiting car.

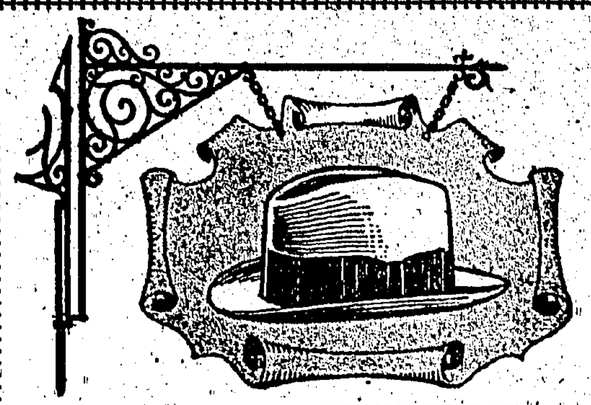
General Confession.

Ho and the youth were taken to the Louza Police station where a general confession followed and shortly after the police raided the lair of the gang where Ho had been imprisoned and seized the two women and the child. A watch was kept on the place and later in the morning another of the gang appeared and was seized by the police.

At the Court yesterday the cook boy admitted his part in the affair and the other man arrested claimed to have been employed by the gang at a salary of $20 a month to guard Mr. Ho. The child was handed over to the Door of Hope until its parents can be found and the others held in custody.

Blood poisoning following a scratch from a thorn while blackberrying caused the death of Mrs. G. Stevens, of Pontardawe, near Swansea.

Captain A. E. F. Bedford, with the rank of commodore, has assumed command of the Royal Naval Barracks, Devonport.



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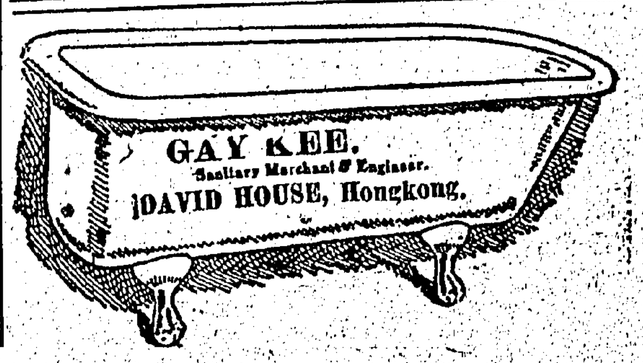

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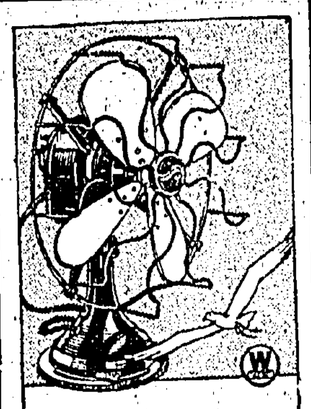

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FANLING GOLF.

QUALIFYING ROUND OF THE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The following is the draw for the Jasper Clark Cup and the qualifying round of the championship to be played over the old course at Fanling on Sunday, November 25:

9.25 a.m., A. B. Stewart, K. S. Robertson.
9.30 a.m., A. B. Raworth, O. E. C. Marton.
9.35 a.m., N. L. Smith, Capt. le Gros.
9.40 a.m., Major Beamish, H. U. Ireland.
9.45 a.m., K. L. Dugan, R. H. Hollis.
9.50 a.m., C. B. Johnson, R. K. Hepburn.
9.55 a.m., R. Young, D. J. Gilmore.
10.00 a.m., A. D. Humphreys, J. S. McEachran.
10.05 a.m. J. S. MacLaren, F. A. Redmond.
10.10 a.m., L. G. S. Dodwell, J. M. Walker.
10.15 a.m., H. H. Lennox, T. L. Christie.
10.20 a.m., G. Murray, F. A. Merry.
10.25 a.m., E. D. Matthews, T. D. E. Pendered.
10.30 a.m., L. R. Andrewes, T. G. Bennett.
10.35 a.m., A. G. G. MacDonald, E. D. Lawrence.
10.40 a.m., A. T. Lay, A. Leach.
10.45 a.m., A. H. Ferguson, D. Forbes.
10.50 a.m., C. C. Stark, I. W. Shewan.
10.55 a.m., I. Newton, C. C. Black.
11.00 a.m., H. G. Sheldon, F. J. de Rome.
11.05 a.m., F. S. Harrison, J. W. Franks.
11.10 a.m., W. J. Clerk, Col. Bostock.
11.15 a.m., R. K. Valentine, A. E. Lissaman.

Murray and Pendered have entered for the Jasper Clark Cup only.

Alterations in starting times on account of scratchings (if any) will be made on Friday, 23rd November. All competitions will start at the times allotted.

The order for the afternoon round will be that in which players complete the morning round.

It is requested that scratchings be reported to the Secretary before 23rd November.

The Captain's Cup.

G. E. Ellams qualified for the Captain's Cup at Fanling over the week-end with a card of 86—18=68. Other scores were:

M. G. Mills	89—18	=71
J. Smith	83—11	=72
D. J. Gilmore	86—11	=75
J. W. Franks	84— 9	=75
K. S. Robertson	81— 6	=75
C. C. Stark	82— 6	=76
L. G. S. Dodwell	81— 5	=76
W. J. Clerk	88— 9	=79

There were forty entries.

Draw for G. M. Young Cup.

Bye:—A.P.C. (R. Young).

Dodwell and Co. (L. G. S. Dodwell v. Chartered Bank (T. L. Christie).

B. and S. (H. U. Ireland) v. H. K. Bank (E. P. Streatfield).

Bye:—J. M. and Co. (B. D. F. Beith).

The manager of each team is shown in brackets. To be played under handicap, as on the date of playing. Teams may be changed from day to day. To be played over 18 holes match play, singles and fourballs, each match counting one point, and each match to be played out. ¾ difference of handicaps in singles, ½ (bisques) in fourballs.

If a match goes beyond the 18th green, in the singles strokes will be taken as in the first round, in the four balls ½ difference of handicap (after the 18th hole) will be taken in strokes.

1st round on or before January 6, 1929, 2nd round on or before January 27, 1929, final on or before January 17, 1929.

YACHT CLUB OPENING CRUISE.

CANTON UNABLE TO COMPETE.

On Monday morning news was received from the Secretary of the Canton Rowing Club that, owing to sickness and other causes, it is impossible to send down the four and two pairs to row against the Yacht Club on Saturday next.

This is very disappointing to both sides, after training had progressed so far, but Canton's difficulties in putting up crews from their small community are readily understood, and it is hoped that the races may be brought off next month.

In the meantime, Saturday's rowing programme has had to be rapidly re-organised, and will now be as under:—

Event 1. 3 p.m.—Hornell Cup—Hong Fours.

Event 2. 3.30 p.m.—Club Junior Pairs.

Event 3. 4 p.m.—Club Senior Pairs.

Event 4. 5 p.m.—A race over one mile between R. Schmidt's Four and a Club Four.

The dinner, which it was intended to hold at the Yacht Club on Saturday evening, has been cancelled.

KWANGTUNG MEET.

HONGKONG CHINESE WIN TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP.

Canton, Nov. 5.

Among the many competitions at the 11th Kwangtung Provincial Athletic Meet, tennis attracted the attention of the public of Canton immensely, both in the Men's Doubles and Ladies Singles. Besides Ng Sze-kwong, former Champion of Hongkong, who entered to compete in both Men's Singles and Doubles, Ma Chi-huen, Foo Wo-wan and Wong Kut-cheung, who are well-known in Canton, also entered in both events. In the semi-finals of the Men's Doubles, Ng Sze-kwong and Ho Ka-lau beat Ma Chi-huen and Ho Chun-man, 9-7, 6-3 and 6-0, Wong Kut-cheung and Wong Chi-keung beat Lai Kwong-tsun and Cheng Chi-wing, 6-4, 6-3 and 6-2.

The final has been fixed for the 5th day, to be played at the Public Park.

Among the well-known players who entered for the Ladies' Singles and Ladies' Doubles, were Miss Lee Tsoi ying of the Ching Wah Athletic Association, who had previously competed in the Far East Olympiad, Miss Ng Chi-ho and Miss Wong Wan-yee, both of the Nue Sze Academy, and Miss Lo Ning-wah of the Chun Kwong College.

In the first semi-final of the Ladies Singles Miss Tang Chi-ho and Miss Wong Wan-yee met. Miss Tang beat Miss Wong, 2-6, 6-3 and 6-3.

In the afternoon the other semi-final was decided, between Miss Lee Tsoi-ying and Miss Lo Ning-wah, Champion of the 10th Canton Athletic Meet. Miss Lee won easily, 6-2 and 6-4.

Immediately after her match with Miss Lo Ning-wah was over, Miss Lee was asked by the officials to play in the final with Miss Tang Chi-ho. Eventually, Miss Tang beat Miss Lee, 6-1, and 8-6. Miss Tang Chi-ho is therefore Champion and Miss Lee Tsoi-ying Runner-up.

Results on Fourth Day.

Other results were:

Relay Race, 1,000 Metres for Men (Final).—1st. Ko Wei-cham (Ling Nam University, Canton). 2nd Tam Ah (Orphans' Convent, Canton) 3rd Cheung Kee (Pui Ching College, Canton).

200 Metres for Men (Final).—1st Leung Siu-cheung (Ling Nam University, Canton), 2nd Lee Chun-ping (Pui Ching College, Canton), 3rd Wong Pui-hang (Orphans' Convent, Canton).

Flat Race, 1,500 Metres for Men (Final), 1st Fung Kwok-wah (China Athletic, H.K.) time 4.50 mins, 2nd Cheung Wei-ko (Aviation College), 3rd Leung Ying-luen (China Athletic, H.K.)

Ping Pong.—Ng Tai-ping won this competition. Mr. Ng was an old boy of the Wah Yan College and was known as one of the best players in Hongkong.

Football.—The Chung Shan University were to play South China A.A. (H.K.) but the former failed to appear and the latter had a walk-over and ranked 3rd. in this competition.

Baseball.—South China A.A. (H.K.) became Champions in this competition.

Tennis.—Men's Double (Final) Ng Sze-kwong and Ho Ka-lau became Champions.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

FRIENDLY CRICKET.

Y.M.C.A. BEATEN BY THE K.B.S.F.P.A.

Kowloon British School Former Pupils Association defeated the Y.M.C.A. in a cricket match at King's Park on Sunday by six wickets. The Y.M.C.A. batted first and were all disposed of for 85, Smith, Raven, Clemo and Hampton reaching double figures. J. Hirst was the most successful bowler, with seven wickets for 35 runs.

The K.B.S.F.P.A. soon knocked off the runs required, losing only four wickets in doing so. Angus hit up 35 and Whitley made 28 not out.

THE M.C.C. TOUR.

RAIN INTERFERES WITH VICTORIA MATCH.

Melbourne, Nov. 5.

The match between the M.C.C. and Victoria was abandoned as a draw. There was no play to-day owing to rain.—*Reuter.*

[Victoria made 164 in the first innings, the M.C.C. replying with 480. Going in again Victoria scored 135 without loss.]

Mr. C. de S. Robertson, for many years on the management staff of the Hongkong Hotel and recently of the catering department of Messrs. Lane, Crawford Ltd., resigned his position to join the executive staff of the Runnymede Hotel at Penang. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson sailed for Penang on the Hakusan Maru.

HOW U. S. CHOOSES PRESIDENT.

(Continued from Page 7.)

party are arranged in groups on the ballot, with the party designation stated after each name. The voter may vote "en bloc" for all 13 of his party group by stamping an X in a designated square, or he may vote for the 13 individually by stamping an X after each name. But many voters, on account of indifference or carelessness, do not vote all the way down the ballot for the 13 presidential electors of their party group while others "scratch" their ballots and vote for one or more electors of the opposing party or parties.

Thus it comes about that one or more electors of great individual popularity in the minority party may "run ahead of their ticket" and thereby receive a total vote sufficiently high to displace a corresponding number of electors on what is otherwise the winning ticket. This results in splitting the state's electoral vote.

The Popular Vote.

It is the electoral vote and not the total popular vote of the nation that decides a presidential election. The winning candidate may have, and usually does have a plurality and sometimes a majority of the popular vote, but he must have a majority (266) of the electoral vote to be elected. But all that a Presidential candidate needs to obtain the full electoral vote of a State is a plurality, however small, of the popular vote in the State for each of his party's presidential electors.

A small plurality of the popular vote in a State with a large electoral vote may contribute heavily, if not decisively, to carrying the election in the nation at large. Thus a plurality of 100,000 in the popular vote of California would give a candidate only 13 electoral votes while a plurality of 1,000 popular votes or even of one vote in New York would give the candidate New York's 45 electoral votes.

The outstanding historical illustration of what it means for a candidate to carry a big State in a close election dates back to 1884, when fewer than 600 popular votes swung the State of New York with the 36 electoral votes which it then had, to Cleveland, thus making him victor over Blaine. In the following presidential election of 1888 Benjamin Harrison won over Cleveland by an electoral vote of 233 to 168, although Cleveland had 100,000 more popular votes than Harrison in the nation at large.

A more recent illustration of the difference between the "electoral vote" and the "popular vote" is found in the election of 1912. In that year Wilson's six million popular votes were so distributed as to win for him the 435 electoral votes of 40 States, while Roosevelt's four million votes, bringing pluralities in six States, won but 88 electoral votes, and Taft's three and one-half million popular votes, accounted for but two States, with only eight electoral votes.

Hence the effort put forth in a presidential campaign to carry doubtful States, especially those whose large electoral vote will materially contribute to running up the candidate's total to the requisite 266. Nevertheless, the electoral vote of any state in the Union, regardless of its size, may prove to be the deciding factor in the election when the votes are counted as was the case in the presidential election of 1916 when California's thirteen votes turned the scale in favour of Wilson.

MOTOR SCHOONER COX FINED.

DIDN'T KNOW WHERE HE WAS GOING.

Pleading guilty to a charge of attempting to leave the waters of the Colony without a proper clearance, Tsang Yu, coxswain of the Japanese motor schooner Po Yueng Maru, informed Commdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., sitting at the Marine Court this morning, that he did not know whither his vessel was bound.

He further explained, in answer to questions by His Worship, that owing to pressure of business in Yaumati, he had no time to get a clearance. He was the coxswain of the boat and was acting under orders, the No. 1 master being on board at the time.

This latter statement the police officer in charge of the case denied. The boat had no sort of certificate on board, but was flying the Japanese flag and had Japanese characters painted on her stern.

This did not make her Japanese, pointed out his Worship, remarking that she could only be described as Japanese when she possessed a certificate of registry from the local Consul or other authorities.

Wild the accused persisting in his statement that he did not know whither he was bound with his cargo of shell fish, salt fish and cloth, his Worship inflicted a fine of $25, with the alternative of three weeks' hard labour.

CHAN MING-SHU IN HANKOW.

HONOURED BY POLITICAL COUNCIL.

Hankow, Nov. 5.

General Chan Ming-shu, the well-known Cantonese General, arrived here from Peking two days ago, and on Sunday evening the Hankow-Wuchang Political Council gave a dinner party in his honour.

It is understood that General Chan is to return to Nanking this evening on the gunboat Kong Tai.

DELIBERATE SWINDLE PROVED.

MUI TSAI WHO WENT HOME AFTER SALE.

"A deliberate swindle" was the term applied by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court this morning to the case of a Chinese woman who obtained $150 from the wife of a shopkeeper by means of a trick defined in the vernacular as "flying the white pigeon."

It appears that through the intermediary of a *mui-yan* or go-between, the woman sold her 12-year-old daughter to the wife of a grocer at West Point for $150. After a short spell of service as a *mui-tsai*, the girl disappeared, and when next seen was back with her mother.

The allegation investigated by the Court, was that the woman after receiving the purchase money, arranged that the girl should return to her at the first opportunity.

Mr. Lindsell found the charge proved. It was a deliberate swindle, his Worship remarked, in sentencing the woman to two months' hard labour.

His Worship further reprimanded the grocer's wife for having bought the girl without making proper enquiries, adding that she deserved to lose her money.

WHOSE SPANNERS?

MAN ARRESTED WITH MOTOR TOOLS.

The difficulty which the local police have in tracing the owners of certain lost articles is seldom fully appreciated by the general public, with the result that in several cases where people lose small articles they give the police little or no assistance by failing to report the loss.

It was due to the omission by a motorist to acquaint the police of the loss of two spanners yesterday that Inspector Fallon, of the Yaumati Police Station, was given a deal of work in trying to locate the owner of two tools which were found found in possession of a Chinese in Reclamation Street yesterday morning.

The man admitted to the Chinese detective who effected the arrest that he had picked up the spanners, which bear the name of Fairmount, Cleveland, near a motor car which had been left unattended in Middle Road yesterday morning. Notwithstanding the enquiries made by the police, the owner of the tools has not yet been found.

The case was mentioned before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when the man was charged with having the two spanners in his possession, the said spanners being reasonably suspected of having been stolen or unlawfully obtained.

Inspector Fallon informed his Worship of the difficulty he had had in trying to locate the owner and asked for a short remand, remarking that if due publicity were given to the case, the owner might assist the police by coming forward and claiming the articles.

The case was accordingly put over for two days.

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WHIRLWIND

By Eleanor Early.

THIS HAS HAPPENED

When SYBIL THORNE was younger people said she was the prettiest girl in Boston. Every day or two her picture appeared in the social columns, and society editors heaped praise and compliments upon her. But Sybil was only 18 when she first got herself talked about—it was after the war, and she was trying so hard to forget.

JOHN LAWRENCE, her sweetheart, was missing in action—"presumably dead" the telegram had said. Her adored brother—TAD—was home, with the Croix de Guerre and two wound stripes. And all the world had gone quite crazy. ....But despite Sybil's indiscretions, CRAIG NEWHALL was an attentive suitor—and Craig was the most eligible bachelor in Boston. Tad asks Sybil why she doesn't marry him.

CHAPTER II.

Tad and Sybil were on the beach at Craigville, lying side by side under an orange umbrella that looked like a sunflower blooming on the the ocean's brink.

Sybil sifted sand through the funnels of her palms, making little mounds like ant hills on the scarlet jersey of her swimming suit, and meditated languidly on the events of the summer.

From the beginning Craig Newhall had been in love with her. At first he had been a bit hard to handle—particularly after she had let him kiss her.

"Tell me you love me, Sybil!" ....She remembered how fiercely he had whispered it—a hoarse command against the softness of her hair.

"But I don't!" she had protested, breathless and a little frightened. "Not really. I only love to be loved."

Now she turned toward Tad with a sudden burst of confidence.

"You see, Taddy," she announced, "I don't ever mean to be married. Craig understands. Ages ago I told him so. I said I'd play round all he wanted, if he'd always remember it was only playing. No promises. No demands. Romance as free as the wind."

She shrugged her shoulders and fluttered her fingers.

"Just like that," she murmured.

"In her secret heart Sybil had made a vow. She would never, she swore, tell another man she loved him. Because that, she believed, would be betraying John. After his death she had tried to feel like a widow, but her mind pulled one way and her emotions another. Until, in the end, she had given herself up to Craig's caresses.

"It's plain as A. B. C." she told her brother. "Emotions and love are as far apart as the poles. Because I like to pet with Craig is no sign that I love him.

"Once a girl wouldn't let a man kiss her until he'd sworn undying devotion and all that sort of thing. If she was sure he 'respected' her, she'd stand for a little petting—only, of course, he didn't call it petting. If she got a hollow feeling in the stomach, she'd think she was in love. Then they'd get married. . . .

"I let Craig kiss me because I like it. But I'm not kidding myself a bit. I love John as much as I ever did. It doesn't make any difference that he's dead. . . . Maybe there's no fidelity in me. I don't know. Only John's got my soul, and I don't believe lips count very much."

"Say!" Tad rose to skip a stone over the waves. "You don't spring any of that stuff on Newhall, do you?"

"I've been absolutely honest with him." Sybil defended herself stiffly.

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But she remembered a night on the shores of Lake Waban, all silvery and bewitching in the moonlight. The night Craig kissed her for the first time. They had driven to the water's edge, and left the car, and gone and sat on the trunk of a fallen birch that lay like a lanky tree-ghost, all white and slender on the ground. That was when she said, "Don't ever get me wrong, Craig. It's only playing."

And she put back her head for his kiss on her lips. She remembered how he had drawn away—and how she had clasped her arms about his neck and whispered, "Isn't half a loaf better than no bread?" Then he had crushed her to him with a smothered sort of groan, and his kisses were hot and merciless.

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She stirred restlessly. And then, rolling over on her side, looked Tad coolly in the eyes.

"Honestly," she repeated, "I don't want to get married. I may be an egg and all that, but I'm still in love with the first boy I ever kissed. And it seems to me it would be a sort of a rotten thing to love a dead man and marry a living one."

"Hell's bells!" Tad sent half a dozen stones skipping, one after the other, beyond the distant white caps. "You'd be a darn sight better off, Sib. You girls seem to think you can get away with anything. But you can't dance unless you pay the piper. And you can't go running around all your life, Sis. Of course you want to marry. Every woman does."

Sybil drew herself up, and locking her arms about her brown legs, rested her chin on her knees.

"Being in love," she pronounced solemnly, "changes everything. Because I loved John I can't love Craig—or anyone else. I think that must be the price a woman has to pay. One perfect love—and when it perishes life is sort of over. I read something once:

"'And the price of love is this—
A crown of thorns for thy head,
"And vinegar to thy kiss.' . . .

"That's the way it's been. I loved John so fearfully, and I was so happy. Then he died—and I had to pay for all we'd had. There's not much use talking. I can't make things very clear. I wish I could make you understand—but there it is. Do you understand, Tad?"

Tad ran his hand through his rumpled hair.

"I'll be darned if I do," he confessed, and pulled a strand, bleached like molasses candy, down between his eyes. "You're too darn analytical, and you don't know what it's all about. When you start dissecting life and love, and all that sort of thing, you're getting in over your head. And you know, Sib, it's sort of cuckoo to talk about love as if there was a price tag on it. 'Thorns and vinegar!' Suffering catfish."

"Oh, I'm not complaining," she interrupted serenely. "I'm *glad* it's that way. It would be a million times worse if life could go on just the same, with John out of it all. I'm not posing as a tragedienne, or anything like that. And I'm not a martyr to love. I've had a lot of good times since my poor old heart broke. And I'll probably have a lot more. I used to feel treacherous whenever I was gay. As if I was somehow betraying John and the past. But I don't feel like that any more. That's why I can play around with Craig, you see. And not feel too badly about it."

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Soberly Tad regarded his sister. "I'd like to see you married," he insisted. "Some decent chap. Nice little house in the country. Flock of kids. After all, that's the life. Take Newhall now—there's not a better fellow on earth. Listen, Sis—"

But she laughed at his seriousness.

"No use being sentimental, Tad. A girl can't eat her cake and have it, too."

"What in blazes," he growled, "are you talking about? Anybody'd think—"

Sybil regarded him contemplatively.

"Don't be a fool, Tad," she admonished. "You know perfectly well what I mean. Suppose I had a yearning for that little house you're talking about, and kids in the back yard. Do you suppose I'd want to marry any of the booze hounds we know?

"It sounds sort of funny, but if I ever did get married, I'd want to sort of *settle down*—oh, I don't mean I'd be a vegetable. But I'd cut out all these wild parties, and—well, you know yourself how it is, old thing. Who wants to marry a girl that's run with my crowd for three years? You wouldn't yourself—not if you were sober, I mean."

"Nothing matters very much now. It's a crazy old world, Tad. Remember how we used to talk about ideals and glory after the war? Wasn't it bunkum! Everything seemed so sort of exalted then. Now nothing counts but just money and good times. There were some lines in that poem you gave me:

"They crowded all their youth into
an hour.
And for one fleet dream of right
they died' . . . I used to think that was glorious. It thrilled me that John had died for a dream. It was so splendid. So romantic. But pretty soon people stopped caring. It didn't make any difference—all the boys that died. Everybody forgot. They laughed and joked, and only remembered on holidays when they waved flags, and made speeches and got drunk."

Bright spots burned on Sybil's cheeks.

"It makes me so damn mad!" she cried, and clenched her small brown hands.

"But, Sis"—Tad took her rebellious little fists—"if human nature wasn't like that the world would have gone mad ages ago. Men couldn't keep their sanity if they couldn't forget."

"I know." Sybil sighed wearily. "I'm not bitter about it any more. It's better, perhaps—the way it is. I'm not rebellious now. Nor angry. Nor even broken hearted. But I see things as they are. War propaganda and everything. Grand words and beautiful phrases. But they didn't mean anything. Poppycock! It was all so useless—John getting killed.

"Someone wrote a poem—'It was for visions that they fell.' Well, we've lost the visions, and that makes the sacrifice all worthless. I hope the dead don't know how stupid it was—dying for nothing. . . . I thought at first I was going to die myself, Tad, but I guess it's only in books that people die of broken hearts. I wanted grief to kill me—I really did. That was childish, wasn't it? And, instead, it only sort of smothered all the good that was in me.

"There wasn't much religion for our generation, you know. I said all my prayers during the war; and when it was over and they hadn't any of them been answered, I hadn't any more prayers left.

"I think the war killed faith—and faith was the loveliest thing on earth. When it perished we substituted reason. And reason is so unsatisfactory. It gets you awfully muddled. . . . Now I think there isn't any absolute wrong. No real signs. Only ever so many wild, foolish things—'gestures' the psychoanalysts call them."

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With a sudden change of spirit she giggled.

"I'm not sinning, Tad. I'm only gesticulating."

But Tad was very sober and spoke like a patriarch.

"You're only making excuses, Sybil, for what you know is wrong."

"Yes, I know," she admitted. "But what difference does it all make?"

More like a lover than a brother, he put his arm about her, and held her for a second in a grip that made her wince.

"You're talking in circles," he told her sagely. "Poor, crazy little Sib."

"That's the way I think," she retorted. "It's hard, getting things straight. I've tried harder than you know."

"Poor old kid." He patted her hand. "Upon my word I feel like a rotter—the news I've got for you."

(To be Continued.)

Chief Justice of Bengal, 1909-1915, Sir Lawrence Hugh Jenkins, 70, has died.

THE POLICE RESERVE.

ORDERS FOR THE CURRENT WEEK.

Hongkong Police Reserve.—Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., Captain Superintendent of Police, state:

Armistice Day.

The services of the following Police Reservists for duty in connexion with the Armistice Day celebrations on Sunday, November 11th. are accepted, and they will report as under:

Chinese Company.—2 Sergeants and 10 Constables will report at Central at 9.30 a.m.

Indian Company.—2 Sergeants and 10 Constables will report at 9.30 a.m.

Flying Squad.—16 members of the Flying Squad will parade with their machines at Central at 10.00 a.m.

Sharpshooters' Co.—6 members of this Company will proceed direct to the stations allotted to them at the hour arranged.

Police Training School.

The weekly classes for Police Reservists at the Police Training School, Kowloon, will be held as usual on Tuesday, November 6th. and 13th. at 6.00 p.m. sharp.

Squad Drill.

All recruits of the Chinese and Indian Companies, and of the Flying Squad will parade at Central Police Station on Thursday, November 8th. at 5.30 p.m. sharp for Squad Drill under Sergeant Condon. Dress—Mufti.

Chinese Company.

Training.—The following members have passed their examination in Part 2 of Training Course (knowledge of Police duties and regulations):—Constables R82 Cheng Ping Kwan, R83 Leung Ping Tseung, R84 Leung Teh Min, and R85 Young Jacman.

Signalling Squad.—Class for instruction in signalling under Mr. R. C. Wilson will be held at the Company's Headquarters on Thursday, November 8th. at 6.45 p.m. and Tuesday, November 13th. at 6.00 p.m.

Indian Company.

Strength.—Constable R244 Puran Singh II has been taken on the strength of the Indian Company as from November 1st.

Parade.—All ranks of the Indian Company are reminded of the parade to be held at the Central Police Station on Tuesday, November 6th. at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

Flying Squad.

The weekly instructional patrol of both the Hongkong and Kowloon Sections will take place in Kowloon on Tuesday, November 6th. Members of the Hongkong Section will fall in at the Star Ferry Wharf (H.K. side) at 4.45 p.m. sharp, where a special lighter will be waiting to convey the machines across the Harbour. All will fall in at the Tsim-tsa-tsui Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress—Khaki Uniform.

Sharpshooters' Company.

Strength.—The following have been taken on the strength of the Sharpshooters' Company as from November 3rd.:—Constables R418 W. J. B. Fletcher, R420 W. J. C. Fletcher, and R435 B. P. C. Fletcher.

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SCHUBERT RECITAL TO-MORROW.

ATTRACTIVE PROGRAMME ARRANGED.

The only observance of Schubert's Centenary in Hongkong is a recital arranged by Mr. Harry Ore, the well-known musician, which takes place at the City Hall at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow. For this event, a most attractive programme has been arranged, in which Mr. Ore will have the assistance of a number of talented artistes, and as the price of admission is only two dollars, it is hoped that Hongkong music-lovers will make a point of being present. Incidentally, it may be remarked that Mr. Ore has been selected as the Judge in the amateur instrumental section of the Schubert Festival in Shanghai and is also to play with the Municipal Orchestra under Maestro Paci.

The programme for to-morrow's recital is as follows:

1.—Sonata in A Major, Op. 120.
(a) Allegro moderato
(b) Andante
(c) Allegro
Mr. H. Ore.

2.—(a) Du bist die Ruh'
(b) Das haidernroesleim
Mrs. Bowes-Smith, accompanied by Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith.

3.—Unfinished Symphony in B minor
(a) Allegro
(b) Andante
Mrs. M. Bonenfant and Mr. H. Ore.

4.—(a) Who is Sylvia?
(b) Hark, hark! The Lark
Mrs. Bowes-Smith.

5.—(a) Scherzo in B flat Major
(b) Eccossaises
(c) Impromptu in F-minor, Op. 142, No. 4.
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EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Jan. 9	Jan. 12	Jan. 15	Jan. 17	Jan. 26
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Jan. 23	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Jan. 31	Feb. 9
EMPRESS OF FRANCE	Feb. 13	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 21	Mar. 2
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Mar. 6	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 14	Mar. 23
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 20	Mar. 23	Mar. 26	Mar. 28	Apr. 6
EMPRESS OF FRANCE	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 1	May 4	May 7	May. 9	May. 18
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Leave Hongkong	Arrive Manila		Leave Manila	Arrive Hongkong
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FATAL AIR MISHAP.

YANKEE DOODLE CRASHES IN ARIZONA.

Prescott, Ariz., Nov. 5.

The aeroplane Yankee Doodle, with Captain Collyer and Harry Tucker aboard, crashed near here, and both were killed.

Later.

The Yankee Doodle was attempting to break the west to east non-stop trans-American record when it crashed.—*Reuter's American Service.*

[A San Francisco message of October 25 stated:

A message from Minesfield, Los Angeles, says that the monoplane, Yankee Doodle, has arrived there after a non-stop flight from New York.

The time taken to cover the distance was 24 hours and 55 minutes, which is claimed as a record.

The machine was piloted by Captain C.B.D. Collyer, and its owner, Mr. Harry Tucker, was carried, as a passenger.]

PERFORMING BEAR RUNS AMOK.

LEAP INTO CIRCUS ORCHESTRA.

Berlin, Oct. 12.

A panic was caused yesterday evening at a circus performance in Dresden by a bear which ran amok. The trainer was in the cage directing his performing bears when suddenly one of them sprang upon him from behind, threw him to the ground, and rent off the skin at the back of his head.

The circus assistants beat and prodded the enraged animal through the cage bars, but their efforts being useless they opened the door. At this moment the angry beast rushed out of the cage.

The onlookers made a wild dash for the exits, but the bear jumped into the stalls behind the stage, where he fell upon a woman performer, mauling her severely. His pursuers were immediately upon him, but again he escaped.

After a wild chase the police, who had been called up, shot the animal.

NEW DRAMATIST IN GAOL.

PRIZE PLAY WRITTEN IN ASYLUM.

Rome, Oct. 10.

A professional thief and former inmate of a lunatic asylum has won the first prize offered in competition by the review "Comoedia" for an original drama, and public opinion is not quite sure whether to acclaim the advent of underworld genius or deplore the condition of dramatic authorship.

After the play "Conchiglia" had been adjudged the best of the hundreds submitted, the envelope containing the name of the author was opened, and he was found to be Riccardo Testa. The search to find the fortunate Riccardo ended at a Milan gaol, where the astonished "Comoedia" officials were provided by the police with a lurid biography of the new dramatist.

Testa himself was unperturbed by his success, remarking in his cell, "I am not very satisfied with the play. It contains certainly some strong qualities of thought and analysis. I wrote it in the madhouse, but feel I don't yet possess sufficient knowledge of the mechanism of the theatre."

Testa, who is 28, has served four sentences for theft, has been several times in an asylum, and his last exploit was a burglary committed on the fourth of this month after he had sent in his play to "Comoedia."

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2—You can change only one letter at time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page.

Managua, Nov. 5.

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FUNERAL AT HAPPY VALLEY.

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The chief mourners were his son, daughter, Mr. A. W. Bliss, Mr. J. P. Robinson and Lieut. C. H. Atkins (brothers-in-law), and Arthur Bliss (nephew). Others present were Mrs. Bliss, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Atkins and Miss Hopwar (sisters-in-law), and Miss W. Robinson and Miss E. Bliss (nieces); Messrs. P. Sands, W. Jackson, W. Fincher, J. Landolt, S. E. Green, D. S. Green, J. C. Fletcher, E. D. Shank, E. J. Ainslie, A. W. Smith, H. Overy, F. W. Stapleton and several members of the Chinese staff of the Hongkong Excavation, Pile Driving and Construction Co. Ltd.

A wealth of floral tributes was laid on the grave, wreaths from "His Loving Wife," "Marg and Patrick," and "His Loving Mother" being lowered with the coffin. Other wreaths were sent by:

"His Loving Mum;" Rob, Flo and Bon; Gert, Ruby and Harry; Evie, Arthur, Babs, Eileen and Sonnie; Lottie and Fred; Arnold and Mab; Lil, Bert, Will and Barbie, Sandy; Margaret and Phyllis; Boy, Amah and Wash Amah.

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Sir Harry Brittain, M.P., has been appointed president of the O. P. Club.

P.W.D. LAND SALE.

PIANO MANUFACTURERS BUY QUARRY BAY SITE.

No fewer than three lots of Crown Land were auctioned at the offices of the Public Works Department yesterday, these being two areas on the mainland and one at Quarry Bay.

Messrs. Tsang Fook & Co., piano manufacturers, it is learned, purchased the land in Quarry Bay, the area of which was shown on the plan attached to the particulars and conditions of sale as 10,400 square feet. The upset price was at $1 per square foot and there was no competition in the bidding. The purchaser was required to spend $10,000 on the site within two years.

The site is on the Shaukiwan Road, about a hundred and fifty yards east of Ming Yuen Gardens.

An area of 8,525 square feet at Kowloon City, near the Prince Edward Road, was knocked down to a Chinese syndicate for $13,000. The upset price was $12,788 and after two bids the competition stopped.

The purchasers were required to spend $20,000 on the site in rateable improvements.

Fifteen thousand square feet of land at Lai Chi Kok was put up for sale at 40 cents per foot. There was some lively bidding and the price advanced rapidly until $6,800 was reached, when it was knocked down to Mr. Ng Yeu-ting of No. 90, Bonham Strand East.

One of the conditions of sale in regard to this lot is that the purchaser has to make his own arrangements re water supply. Expenditure of $7,000 in rateable improvements within two years is stipulated.

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Carelessness on the part of Mr. J. M. Wong led to his appearance before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon on a charge of allowing his motor car No. 135 to be driven without having had the vehicle duly licensed.

Mr. Wong said that he had no intention of not having his license renewed nor did he intend to delay the renewal of his old license. He possessed two cars, Nos. 135 and 1818. In July last he sent two licenses to be renewed, but owing to pressure of work had inadvertently renewed a license for a Fiat car which he had previously owned but which had now been exchanged as part payment for No. 135.

It was not till his driver was stopped on October 16 that he was aware of the mistake and the following day he had the error rectified. As he was already $16 out of pocket on account of the mistake, Mr. Wong asked his Worship not to impose any fine.

His Worship said that he thought a caution would meet the case.

Mr. F. Goodwin, manager of the Hongkong Gas Company, was fined $20 for permitting a lorry to be driven without a license. It was stated that the cost of the license was $240.

A fine of $10 was imposed on Mr. Stout, manager of the Simplex Plaster Co. for allowing a motor car to be driven without a license.

JAPAN'S EMPEROR.

WHOLE COUNTRY READY FOR ENTHRONEMENT.

Tokyo, Nov. 5.

Last minute preparations for the Emperor's departure to Kyoto to-morrow are in full swing, the city being gay with streamers, red and white bunting, lanterns, triumphal arches, etc.

Many thousands of people are expected to camp all night along the route which the cortege will follow. The places reserved are limited for a number of foreigners, who have been ordered to assemble by 4.30 in the morning, while a number of students of the Tokyo schools are to take up their positions an hour earlier.

Elaborate precautions are being taken to prevent disturbances. A heavy cordon of police will be posted to prevent traffic approaching within a mile after three o'clock in the morning.

Owing to the death of the wife of Admiral Okada, yesterday, the Navy Minister will be unable to participate in the religious ceremonies, as according to Shinto belief he is ceremonially impure though able to attend the actual enthronement in the afternoon of November 10, as it is a secular ceremony.—*Reuter.*

Kyoto Transformed.

Kyoto, Nov. 5.

As the Imperial Enthronement ceremonies approach, the town is transforming itself into masses of colourings, with paper lanterns, special decorations, flags, arches, etc.

Politically, Japan's capital is being transplanted here, as the temporary quarters of Government departments are being set up, and increasing numbers of officials and prominent persons are arriving.

While the ceremonies inside the Palace will be conducted in a quiet and impressive manner, reminiscent of old Japan, the celebrations throughout the country are bringing many forms of modernism into play.

Thus already all the radio broadcasting stations at Sendai Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka, Hiroshima and Kumamoto are being connected by wire, to give listeners-in all over the country prompt and simultaneous news of the ceremonies, as well as special programmes.

The newspapers *Asahi* and *Mainichi* have installed picture telegraphs, whereby photographs, of the events in Kyoto will be published the same day all over Japan.

Aeroplanes will be extensively used for the transportation of movie films from Kyoto to Tokyo and other towns. One of the great efforts of the municipality of Kyoto has been to improve the roads, as tens of thousands of automobiles will be used.

An efficient network of railways, telegraphs and telephones with Kyoto as the centre has been completed.

Altogether, economists estimate the Government and local expenditures in connexion with the enthronement will exceed fifty million yen, giving employment to tens of thousands of workers.—*Reuter.*

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Entrance to the gardens is free, but a charge of 50 cents to the enclosure (including free seat and programme) will be made. As it will be by the success of this first concert that the organisers will be guided in the matter of arranging further programmes, it is to be hoped that the public will give it adequate support.

ANTARCTIC FLIGHT.

COMMANDER BYRD'S TRIBUTE TO BRITONS.

Wellington, Nov. 5.

Commander Byrd, the principal, and members of his Antarctic expedition have arrived here aboard the whaler G.A. Larsen.

Speaking at a civic reception, Comdr. Byrd warmly tributed the great pioneering work of Scott and Shackleton. He said that a Union Jack would be carried during the Polar flight in honour of these gallant men.—*Reuter.*

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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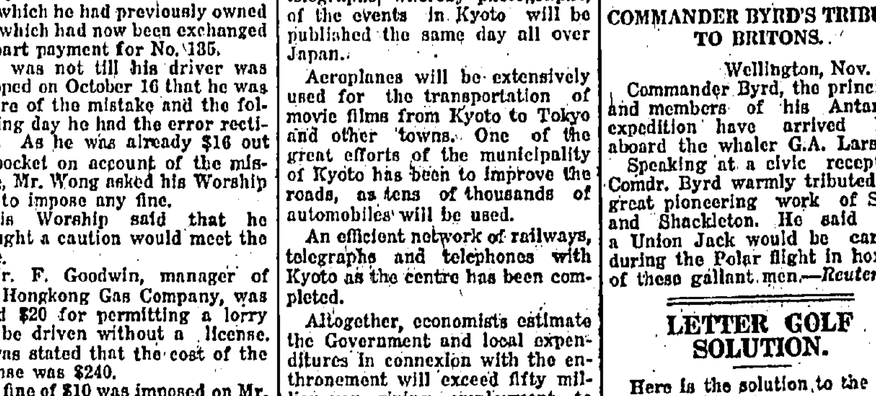

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FRENCH POLITICAL FIRE-EATERS.

RADICALS LIKELY TO GO SLOWLY WITH ATTACK.

M. POINCARE'S POWER.

Paris, Nov. 5.

The position of the Poincare Government is not so seriously endangered as might appear from the resolutions of the Radical-Socialist Congress at Angers. Theoretically, the Radical-Socialist members of the Cabinet, including M. Herriot have been ordered to dictate terms to M. Poincare, but after the former's speech counselling careful deliberation, the orders are not likely to be put into practice.

There are urgent problems ahead of the French Government, as for instance, the Budget, reparations, the Rhineland evacuation, and war debts, all of which require firm handling by a nationally representative Government.

In authoritative circles it is felt as a surety that there is no prospect of the Radicals furnishing an alternative to M. Poincare, and the majority of the Angers fire-eaters would probably hesitate before plunging the country into the political maelstrom which undoubtedly would follow Poincare's downfall.

It is significant that the denunciation motion was shelved after further consideration by the Radical Congress.—*Reuter.*

NANKING PARTY QUARREL.

CENTRAL KUOMINTANG IS DENOUNCED.

CONGRESS SQUABBLE.

Nanking, Nov. 5.

Consequent on the resignation of all officials of the Nanking City Kuomintang, much discontent has arisen amongst members regarding the policy of the Central Kuomintang executives.

Yesterday, members of the Nanking City Kuomintang and of other District Kuomintang members met and publicly denounced the recent decision of the Central Kuomintang regarding the election of delegates for the coming Third Kuomintang National Congress.

The objection to the decision of the Central Kuomintang is that the latter is to choose half of the delegates for the Congress and that all existing Kuomintang members will have to re-register their names before the holding of the Congress.

In their denouncination, the discontented Kuomintang members state that despite the fact that they fully understand that the City and District Kuomintangs should be ruled by and obey the orders of the Central Party, they contend that the action of the Central Party is against the Kuomintang laws, and subordinate bodies will have a right to demand justice.

SHASI PIRACY SENSATION.

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about an hour after the steamer had left Hankow.

For a few moments, the men on the bridge (the skipper, the pilot and a quartermaster) were in danger as the pirates were firing their pistols recklessly as they made their onslaught.

Captain Cook was forced into his cabin, in which were his wife and children, and held there. His cabin was ransacked, and the pirates even went to the extreme limit of taking the rings off his wife's fingers.

Pirates Obey Leaders.

Several well-dressed youths appeared to be in charge of the pirate gang, which numbered about thirty. The orders of these youths were carried out with expedition by the remainder of the gang.

The pirates got away with the compradore's steel chest, containing cash and valuables to the value of about $3,000. The loot from the Chinese passengers is estimated at $1,500 and from the foreign passengers and crew about $600.

40 Minutes Adrift.

The ship was allowed to drift down river for nearly 40 minutes, according to the skipper, who places the time that the launch came alongside at 11.10 p.m.

It is a singular coincidence that Captain Cook was pirated on his first trip in the s.s. Shasi, while his immediately previous command was the ss. Kwangse, which went aground on her first trip under her new skipper, and has been abandoned as a total wreck.

A BRIGHT SPOT IN INDUSTRY.

MOTOR-CYCLE SHOW AT OLYMPIA.

TRADE IN WHICH BRITAIN LEADS THE FIELD.

REMARKABLE FIGURES

London, Nov. 5.

Sir William Joynson Hicks, Home Secretary, opened the Cycle and Motor-Cycle Show at Olympia to-day.

He said the motor-cycle industry was one of the few bright spots in British trade at present. In 1925, Britain exported 46,600 motor-cycles, in 1927 52,800, and in the first nine months of this year just under 50,000.

In regard to what were termed "push bicycles," we exported in 1925 276,000, in 1927 283,000, and so far this year 248,500.

Increasing Sales.

Production was consistently going up, and this year at least 120,000 motor-cycles and 800,000 pedal cycles would be made.

Imports were negligible, which showed how the British cycle industry dominated.

Bigger Organisation.

All over Asia and Africa native races were taking to the "push bicycle." A market was there by the hundred million. He suggested more and more organisation of these markets, which would not only be profitable to cycle manufacturers, but give more employment to the workers of the Midlands.

The show provides, indeed, a remarkable example of the tremendous strides made by the motor-cycle industry. At one extreme are motor-cycles costing £200, of superb mechanical engineering and design guaranteed to travel at 100 miles per hour. At the other extreme, is a machine costing £20 only, but a very fine one even at that figure. In between, are machines adapted to all tastes and purses.—*British Wireless.*

QUAINT JAPANESE CEREMONY.

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supposedly protecting him against the powers of evil.

Symbolically the Mirror stands for purity, righteousness, integrity and wisdom; the Jewels for benevolence, gentleness, affection and obedience; the Sword for valour, sagacity, justice and firmness.

Other Royalties.

Court ritual decrees that the Empress cannot occupy the same carriage as the Emperor when he is accompanied by these sacred emblems. In the Imperial progress to the station the Empress therefore followed in a separate carriage, and next in order came one conveying Prince Chichibu and his newly-wedded consort, daughter of Mr. Matsudaira, the new Japanese Ambassador to Great Britain.

Following these came other brightly caparisoned carriages conveying the other Imperial princes and princesses and various high dignitaries.

Slowly the imposing cortege, nearly half-a-mile in length, passed by along the troop-lined route on its way to the station where after a short rest, Their Majesties, together with their retinue, were conducted to the waiting train, one coach of which was specially constructed for the conveyance of the sacred shrine of the Sun Godess's Mirror.

Punctually at 9 a.m. the Imperial train left for Nagoya, where the Emperor will spend the night before proceeding to Kyoto. As the powerful engine, hauling its important burden, moved slowly and smoothly out of the station to the strains of the Japanese National Anthem, those on the platform bowed low and the air reverberated once more to the booming of guns and the bursting of daylight rockets high overhead as marks of respect and salutation. —*Reuter.*

How Hongkong Will Observe Saturday.

In Hongkong, as in all other places where there are Japanese communities, the coronation of the Emperor on Saturday next will be observed by special celebrations. An extensive programme has been drawn up for the occasion, including the dedication ceremony of the Japanese Primary School which is being rebuilt as a lasting memorial of the occasion, the funds having been raised by the Japanese Residents' Association.

From 11 a.m. to noon on Saturday, a reception is being held at the Hongkong Hotel by the Japanese community, to which the foreign community is invited by the Consul-General, Mr. Y. Murakami.

On the same day at 12.30 p.m. the Japanese community will be present at the residence of the Consul-General in Conduit Road when homage will be paid before the portrait of His Imperial Majesty. School children will also attend this ceremony.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon, corresponding to 3 p.m. in Japan, at which hour the enthronement proceedings are due to take place, the gathering at the Consul-General's residence will give cheers of the Emperor in their national way with *banzais.* A deputation from the Japanese Residents' Association will also offer their congratulations.

On Sunday a sports meeting will be held for school children at Sookunpoo commencing at about 10 o'clock and continuing during the afternoon.

An official dinner will be given by the Consul-General and party at the Hongkong Hotel on Friday, November 16th, in celebration of the enthronement. Among the guests will be Government officials, representatives of the various Consulates, business men, and members of the foreign community.

SUDDEN DEATH OF LORD CARNOCK.

OCTOGENARIAN DIPLOMAT'S DISTINGUISED CAREER.

FORMERLY IN PEKING.

London, Nov. 5.

The death has occurred in his eightieth year of Lord Carnock of Carnock, who had been in retirement for the last twelve years, after a long and distinguished career in the diplomatic service.

Formerly known as Sir Arthur Nicolson, he was raised to the peerage in 1916 on vacating his post as Permanent Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs. He died suddenly in London to-day of heart failure.

He joined the service of the Government 58 years ago as a junior in the Foreign Office, and as Mr. Arthur Nicolson he spent three years in Peking as Second Secretary to the Legation from 1876 to 1878. His first Ministry, after acting as Charge D'Affairs at Athens, Teheran and Sofia, was in Morocco where he served from 1895 to 1904. He was then for a short time Ambassador at Madrid, afterwards leaving for Petrograd, where he was Ambassador from 1905 to 1910, when he returned home to become Permanent Under-Secretary at the Foreign Office.

The new Baron is the Hon. Frederick Archibald Nicolson, M.C., late Major, 15th Hussars, who is 45.—*Reuter and British Wireless.*

AL SMITH'S FINAL APPEAL.

REPUBLICAN FARM POLICY CRITICISED.

"NOTHING TO OFFER."

New York, Nov. 5.

Broadcasting stations have transmitted Governor Smith's final appeal, which is addressed to the farmers, who form one-third of the total voters in the Presidential election.

The address declared that while both parties are agreed on the subject of the development of inland waterways and a tariff on imported crops, they absolutely differ regarding the principle of so-called McNary-Haugan Bill for the Protection of farmers, which President Coolidge vetoed and Mr. Hoover opposed, "though they have nothing to offer in its place."

Governor Smith said he favoured "effective control of the sale of exportable surpluses, with the cost thereof imposed upon the commodities which benefitted."—*Reuter's American Service.*

A Georgia Tragedy.

New York, Nov. 5.

The intensity of feeling aroused by the Presidential election is exemplified in a tragedy at Jesup, in Georgia.

Deputy Sheriff C. W. Mandray, meeting Judge R. Thomas of the City Court, expressed resentment at the Judge's alleged remark that Mandray, was "an Al Smith man." Judge Thomas denied he had said it.

Mandray called him a liar and knocked him down. Thomas rose with a knife in his hand, and Mandray shot the Judge dead.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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